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Photo by Geoff Greene '04

THIS SPREAD: Eagles fans got serious about soccer during Homecoming Weekend in October. The men's soccer team, playing a man down for more than 60 minutes on Oct. 20, fell to Pennsylvania's York College, 1-0.

Photo by Norm Shafer



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Dear Editor,

I enjoyed the article in the summer 2012 *UMW Magazine* that focused on the many accomplishments of **Charles Girard '12**. I had the privilege of mentoring Charles during his four years at UMW, during which time he received a Dorsey Scholarship, which offers support to select students from diverse backgrounds. Charles personified service, and he was instrumental in helping define the parameters of this leadership program, established through a gift by Paul and **Mary Ann Dorsey Judy '58**.

This year's Dorsey Scholars miss Charles, as many of us at UMW do, and we all wish him the best in his new endeavors!

Sincerely,

Venitta McCall
UMW Professor of Education



ON CAMPUS



Marie Sicola

First Lady Michelle Obama spoke about education and other issues to students, faculty, and community members gathered at the Anderson Center in September, when she visited the University to support her husband's presidential campaign.

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Building Momentum for UMW

With two groundbreakings and a rededication ceremony, the agenda for the late September meeting of UMW's Board of Visitors didn't leave a lot of wiggle room.

Thursday, Sept. 20, marked the official start of construction on the four-story Information and Technology Convergence Center. Newly installed BOV Rector **Pamela J. White '74** said the structure represents UMW's commitment to giving students the tools they need to build successful careers, remain lifelong learners, and master digital information.

Designed to blend with campus buildings, the nearly 77,000-square-foot center will straddle Campus Walk and connect to the Simpson Library's third floor. It will include a digital theatre, data center, café, media labs, and flexible gathering spaces. It's slated to open fall 2014.

On hand again at Friday's mid-day groundbreaking for the five-story Hyatt Place hotel at Eagle Village, White said the 66,500-square-foot facility, the first to qualify for Virginia Tourism Development

financing, would create jobs, serve as a business-meeting and community-events venue, and foster regional partnerships.

"The Foundation's leadership on this project yields significant benefits for both the University and the greater Fredericksburg community," White said. With 93 rooms and suites, conference areas, retail space, and an indoor pool and fitness center, the hotel is expected to open next fall.

A rededication ceremony for the renovated Randolph and Mason residence halls took place late Friday afternoon. (See page 6 for details.)

The gathering of the BOV coincided with UMW Family Weekend, designed to give parents a taste of what students experience through sessions on master teachers, clubs, and study abroad opportunities.

Another opening ceremony took place in early September to showcase the Stafford Technology and Research



Karen Pearlman

The UMW Board of Visitors marked the beginning of construction on the Information and Technology Convergence Center at a September groundbreaking. The state-of-the-art facility, expected to open in fall 2014, will straddle Campus Walk and connect to the third floor of Simpson Library.

Center at Quantico, for which UMW is a lead educational partner.

University President Richard V. Hurley said the center "will provide the synergy for 21st-century business and academic expansion in the southern I-95 corridor of Northern Virginia."

Campus Conference Targets Poverty



Left to right are Sarah Morin '10, Shawn Humphrey, Laura Dick '13, Ashley Cameron '12, Meredith E. Greenwell '11, and Sarah Alvarez '12.

The Poverty Action Conference convened at UMW with three world-class speakers, 14 global poverty experts, 17 student presenters, and a dozen exhibits by such graduate schools as Georgetown and Johns Hopkins universities.

The October conference, organized by Shawn Humphrey, associate professor of economics, and his students, was part of an ongoing effort to end global poverty. Humphrey also initiated the student-run microfinance group La Ceiba and conference host Two Dollar Challenge.

Speaker Jonathan Lewis, founder and host of *iOnPoverty*, energized listeners with his words and left

feeling energized by the conference.

The lecturer at the Blum Center for Developing Economies, University of California, Berkeley, is known for his blogs at *The Huffington Post* and the Skoll Foundation's Social Edge.

Lewis wrote: *The Poverty Action Conference is extremely valuable in three respects: One, students with powerful learnings from overseas projects can and do share them with peers. Two, students who design and operate the event itself acquire organizational and leadership skills. Three, students learn from invited experts. Probably most valuable, the entire conference is bristling with enthusiasm, hope, and energy. Inspiring!*



A Fiddler's Holiday

Last December's fiddling frenzy on the stage of Dodd Auditorium can now be viewed in your living room.

The UMW Philharmonic performed its annual Holiday Pops concert in 2011 with the Jay Ungar and Molly Mason Family Band. In addition to filming the concert, a television production crew shot footage around campus and at various locations in Fredericksburg.

It was all a gamble. The University hoped PBS would pick up the show – and it has.

Created by Emmy Award-winning producer Jim Brown, *A Fiddler's Holiday* showcases the talents of the UMW Philharmonic and its conductor, Kevin Bartram. PBS has agreed to forward the finished program in its entirety through a national feed to all PBS channels. Thanks in part to UMW

alumni requesting it of their local stations, it will be carried on many PBS affiliates.

Brown said the concert is appropriate not only to the time of year but also to the time in history.

"The music celebrates the winter season, the holidays, and is performed in one of the most historic towns in America," he said. "At the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg, this concert, in its own way, brings the North and South together."

Highlights include a poignant performance of *Ashokan Farewell*, the ethereal melody made famous by Ken Burns' PBS series *The Civil War*, and the powerful tune *Darkest Days, Brightest Nights*, which depicts the bleakness of a winter's day, the



A Fiddler's Holiday, featuring the Jay Ungar and Molly Mason Family Band performing with the UMW Philharmonic at Dodd Auditorium, airs this winter on PBS.

beauty of which emerges only as the sun recedes to shadows.

See a preview of *A Fiddler's Holiday* and a list of local PBS affiliates at special.umw.edu. Check with your PBS station to learn if and when the program will air in your community.

Describing their fiddle playing as "hauntingly beautiful," Ken Burns said, "Jay Ungar and Molly Mason play music from the heart that reminds us of the best in all of us."

UMW Rakes in the Ratings

In higher education, whether the topic is advanced degrees, graduation rates, or good deals, the University of Mary Washington is bound to be part of the conversation. UMW is ranked in every major selective guide publication, including the most recent editions of:

- *Fiske Guide to Colleges'* list of best-buy public schools. Twenty-one schools made the cut, based on academics, quality of campus life, and cost for a typical student. Of those, 18 are in the U.S., and

only one – UMW – is in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C.

- *The Princeton Review's The Best 377 Colleges*, based on the largest and longest-running college student survey, and its *The Best Value Colleges*, which includes 150 schools and considers undergraduate academics, costs, and financial aid.
- *U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges*. UMW is sixth on the publication's list of top public regional universities in the South, which weighs data about each school in 16 areas related to academic excellence, and 16th on its list of all Southern universities in the same category.
- *Washington Monthly* magazine's *College Guide and Rankings*, which considers schools' contributions to the national public good, including social mobility, research, and service.

It ranks the University of Mary Washington 12th among the nation's schools that offer master's degrees.

- *Kiplinger's* list of 100 best values in public colleges, which measures schools' sticker prices, financial aid offerings, and ability to keep students on track for graduation. It ranks UMW fifth in Virginia and 44th in the nation. UMW also makes *Kiplinger's* list of the country's 10 public colleges with the highest four-year graduation rates. Institutions on the latter list, which places UMW ninth, exceed the 29.9-percent national average by 38 to 55 percentage points.
- *Forbes* magazine's "America's Top Colleges" list, which focuses on teaching quality, career prospects, graduation rates, and low student debt. It places UMW at 243 out of 650. Its "Top 100 Best Buy Colleges" list ranks Mary Washington 66th.



More Than Making It

3-D printing has taken off in the last few years as the technology has become more affordable and widely available. And as often is the case with emerging technologies, it's landed at UMW.

Today a Simpson Library classroom – dubbed the Think Lab – is home to 3-D MakerBot printers and a first-year seminar called *Mashups and MakerBots*. Instructional Technology Specialist Tim Owens and Professor of Education George Meadows team up there to teach printing, electronics, and robotics.

This fall, 16 first-year students from across disciplines are learning the basics of circuitry and automation while designing 3-D objects, from the simple – think key rings and iPad covers – to intricate works of art.

Seven of Meadows' master of science in education students are using the lab to get to know the technologies, too.

Meadows hopes the graduate students' time in the Think Lab will make them more confident and willing to try new things in the classroom when they are teachers.

And they will be better prepared to meet national STEM standards.

"We like to see all our teachers become leaders in the classroom," Meadows said.

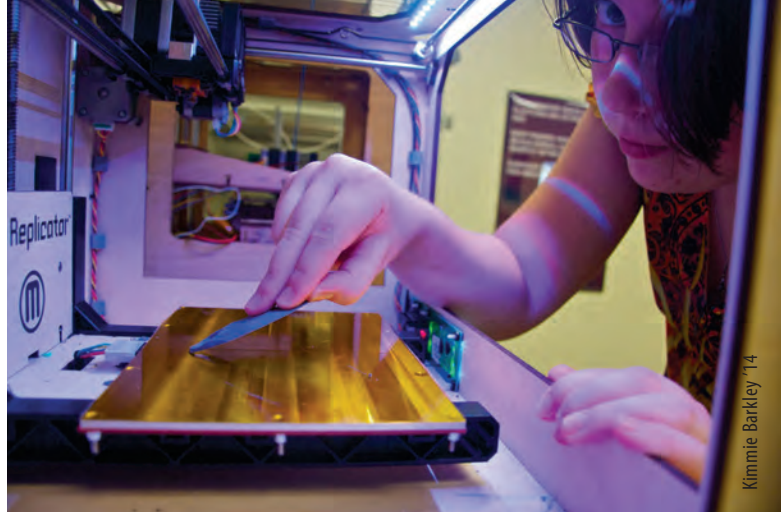
EDUCAUSE, a respected community of higher education IT leaders and professionals, was so impressed with Meadows' and Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies' (DTLT) work with 3-D printing and their having built a Makerspace at UMW that they covered it in their Learning Initiative article *7 Things You Should Know About 3-D Printing*.

UMW studio art major **Alice Watkins '13** learned about 3-D printing in her sculpture class last year when Professor Carole Garmon took students to visit DTLT and the department's MakerBot.

"I fell in love with it," Watkins said.

Today, Watkins is a student aide in the Think Lab, and she is using the technology for an independent study in wearable art. She received a UMW undergraduate research grant to purchase a 3-D printer for her work.

Recently in the Think Lab, Watkins watched the MakerBot as it whirled and hummed while a spool of plastic thread slowly transformed a flat image on a computer screen into a three-dimensional object. She picked up the



In UMW'S Think Lab, Alice Watkins uses a 3-D printer called a MakerBot to complete an independent study in wearable art. The first-year seminar, "Mashups and MakerBots," teaches UMW students how to use the popular and increasingly affordable machines.

small, gray item from inside the printer and placed it alongside others that will make up the art-as-garment she is creating.

Watkins was struck, she said, by how members of DTLT and faculty across disciplines have supported her art project.

"That is something that always fascinates me about this university, how open and full of creative communication it is," she said. "I'm glad the school is supportive of my curiosity. I'm blown away."

– Brynn Boyer '10

Politics on the Move



The C-SPAN Campaign 2012 bus rolled onto campus in late September. The traveling political nerve center, with TVs streaming headline news, computer kiosks filled with facts, and an array of digital devices and interactive features, visited schools across Virginia, targeting first-time voters. Stephen Farnsworth, UMW political science professor and director of the University's Center for Leadership and Media Studies, gave an interview aired live on C-SPAN's *Washington Journal* from inside the bus, and students climbed on board to express their views on the recent presidential election. International affairs major **Samantha Litchford '15** told *The Free Lance-Star* the experience was awesome. "It brings Washington a little closer," she said.



Mason, Randolph Take the LEED

Two half-century-old dormitories are now state-of-the-art living and learning spaces. After a year of extensive renovations, UMW's adjoining Mason and Randolph halls opened to residents for the fall semester. On Sept. 21, President Richard V. Hurley and the Board of Visitors rededicated the buildings with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Alumni Association President **Patricia Boise Kemp '69** shared memories of her sophomore year in Mason with those gathered for the celebration. Judge **Pamela White '74**, rector of the BOV, told the crowd that she lived in Marshall Hall, near Sunken Road. As she trudged up the steep hill past Mason and Randolph, she developed "Mason envy," she said. The two buildings were "the cherished centerpiece of the campus."

Today's renovated Randolph and Mason halls house nearly 400 students.

While adding features like elevators and air conditioning to the buildings, project workers also upgraded the subterranean hallway once known

as "the tunnel." Now called "the link," the connecting space between the two residence halls has four faculty/staff apartments. At ground level, the terrace once known on campus as "the beach" now is an enclosed entryway joining the two halls and housing three seminar rooms and a large gathering space. Equipped with the same technology as UMW classrooms, the seminar rooms accommodate small classes, study groups, and other student gatherings.

An example of environmentally friendly construction, the entire Mason and Randolph project is in line to receive LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – Gold certification for its many sustainable features, including use of recycled materials, energy-efficient lighting, storm-water runoff control, and sustainable wood.

Project architects recycled materials from the original construction of Mason in 1957 and Randolph in 1954. Marble from bathroom partitions was cut for



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At a September ceremony, the UMW community celebrated the reopening of Mason and Randolph residence halls after their extensive Earth-friendly renovation.

windowsills throughout the renovated buildings, and the bluestone pavers from "the beach" reappeared in the front porches and plaza areas.

A final nod to the environment illustrates Fredericksburg's connection to the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Dr. Tom Riley, University physician, created three murals of major Virginia rivers – the Rappahannock, the York, and the Potomac – which grace the gently curved walls of the link.

New Traditions Warm UMW's Welcome

The evening after the University of Mary Washington ushered more than 1,300 new undergraduates into a fresh academic year, a brilliant tradition began.

At the inaugural "Eagle Gathering" each student carried a candle and passed its flame to another, bringing a glimmering gold to the night on Ball Circle. The ceremony represented the "torch of knowledge" at the center of the UMW Seal.

"This light symbolizes the core values of our community," President Richard V. Hurley told new students at the Thursday, Aug. 23, gathering. "It stands for the desire to learn, to grow, to serve, to lead, and in all

things, to give our best in search of meaning and truth."

The day before, with temperatures nearing 90 degrees, hundreds of freshmen embarked on a five-day orientation, lugging futons and air fresheners, Ramen and area rugs into Alvey, Virginia, Bushnell, Jefferson, Randolph, and Russell halls.

Of the new students – 978 freshmen and 324 transfers – 40 had already met at Pre-Flight, another new Mary Washington experience. The four-day program, held in the Virginia mountains before orientation officially began, was packed with outdoor adventures and volunteerism. The excursion gave participants a taste of teambuilding, a sample of UMW's

emphasis on service, and a boost in bonding with classmates.

First-year students pledged at the Aug. 24 Honor Convocation to uphold Mary Washington's ethical code. They also met with faculty advisers; attended sessions about UMW academics, campus life, and customs;



Uncovering the Past

Growing up in the Republic of Georgia, **Ana Tkabladze '14** was surrounded by remnants and relics of the ancient world. She dreamed of someday learning about the sites and making her own discoveries.

Now a classics major pursuing a concentration in classical archaeology, Tkabladze is already leaving her mark.

Last summer the UMW junior spent three weeks on the Spanish island of Menorca and in Portugal as part of a team excavating and analyzing thousand-year-old artifacts.

"I'm basically helping real archaeologists find out about that era," Tkabladze said. "That'll go in history later, which is pretty exciting."

She is one of several UMW students who received undergraduate research grants for the summer. Each year, a few students in the classics, philosophy, and religion department go on excavations, either through UMW undergraduate research grants like the one Tkabladze received or as part of an independent study.

"Ana is an excellent example of those of our students who have been able to go out and excavate Greek and

Roman material," said Professor of Classics Liane Houghtalin.

Houghtalin showed Tkabladze how to search for excavation opportunities in Europe, helped her apply for the research grant, and kept in touch with her frequently throughout the program.

"I get to hear about what's going on and live vicariously through a student who is doing what I do, but for the first time," Houghtalin said of her role as an adviser. "It gives me a fresh perspective."

In Menorca, Tkabladze and the international team of students and scholars started the day at 4:30 a.m. and drove an hour to the excavation site. They spent each morning digging for coins and pieces of pottery, bones, and other fragments – clues to how the ancient people of Menorca lived.

Then, in the labs in both Menorca and Portugal, the team analyzed the artifacts to determine how old they



Norm Shafer

An undergraduate research grant from UMW allowed junior Ana Tkabladze to spend part of last summer excavating ancient artifacts in Spain and Portugal.

were, where they came from, and their significance to the region.

"Our goal was to try to see what influences that area had and what kind of trade systems existed," said Tkabladze, who moved to the U.S. with her family about 10 years ago.

For her, the project is one step toward her goal of becoming a professor in the field of her lifelong passion. "I can't see myself doing anything else," she said. "It's what I love."

– Brynn Boyer '10

Orientation 2012 energized campus with a candle-lighting ceremony on Ball Circle, below, and other shows of school spirit, such as fun with oversized balloons, right, and lots of opportunities for students to get to know one another and their new home at Mary Washington.

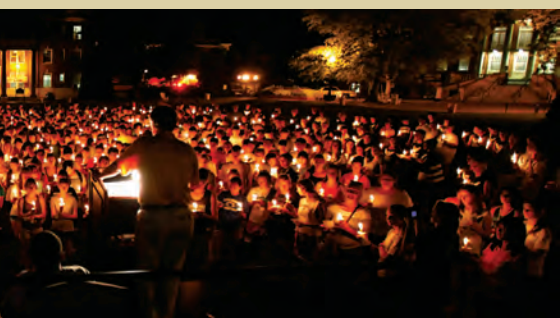
and indulged in gooey scoops of ice-cold goodness at an ice cream social at the President's home, Brompton.

By the time classes began on Monday, Aug. 27, UMW had welcomed freshmen from 28 states and several

foreign countries. One hundred and fifty-eight are from 24 states outside of Virginia, including Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Twenty-four percent identify themselves as Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaskan, black or African-American, Asian, or multiracial.

The newcomers performed well on SATs, with the middle 50 percent scoring between 520 and 630 in

critical reading, 510 and 600 in math, and 510 and 610 in writing. The middle 50 percent scored between 22 and 27 on the ACT and graduated from high school with grade-point averages between 3.31 and 3.88.



Norm Shafer



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Returning Leaders Share Wisdom

A trio of powerhouse alumni – ambassador, CEO, and psychologist – shared the secrets behind their success with UMW students this fall.

In September, **Rose McCartney Likins '81**, U.S. Ambassador to Peru, told international relations students how a curiosity about the world fueled her three-plus decades as a diplomat. Former U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador and dean of the Foreign Service Institute's School of Professional and Area Studies, Likins said her public policy work taught her the importance of reaching out to people on a personal level.

A distinguished UMW alumna who delivered the 2005 commencement speech, Likins encouraged those interested in



Rose McCartney Likins '81

similar career paths to concentrate on communications skills and explore a variety of disciplines.

Also in September, Psychology Graduate-in-Residence **Wendy Sulc '98** brought inspiration to campus. A pediatric psychologist and research assistant professor of pediatrics

at the University of Miami's Mailman Center for Child Development/Miller School of Medicine, Sulc specializes in treating children with illnesses such as cancer and HIV. She holds a doctorate in human services psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.



Wendy Sulc '98

Executive-in-Residence (EIR) **Doug Dolton '78**, president and CEO of San Francisco Motorsports, planned to share



Doug Dolton '78

experiences from his prosperous career with UMW students and regional business leaders Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Instead, Hurricane Sandy kept Dolton on the West Coast; at press time, plans were under way to reschedule his visit.

After working in branch banking, Dolton became a bank CEO, manager of a huge consumer loan operation, and global CEO of the world's first peer-to-peer lending service, which originates more than \$100 million per year. More recently, Dolton founded businesses focused on high-end automobile retail and solar-energy systems. Learn more about the EIR program at business.umw.edu/eir.

Awards Abound



Jeff McClurken '94

The second half of the year got off to a stellar start for **Jeff McClurken '94**, UMW associate professor and chair of history and American studies.

In July, McClurken was named website review editor for the quarterly *Journal of American History*, the

leading scholarly publication in that field.

In August, he received UMW's J. Christopher Bill Outstanding Faculty Service Award for his contributions to digital history efforts, his commitment to incorporating technology in the classroom, and his service as chair of multiple University committees. The honor also recognized McClurken for his efforts in the community, with the public school systems and the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, and for the lectures he delivers across the country.

In late September, C-SPAN recorded his U.S. History in Film class discussion of *Gone With the Wind* for possible inclusion on a future segment of American History TV's *Lectures in History*.

Other recent honorees on campus include:

- Rosalyn Cooperman, who won this year's American Political Science Association's Jack L. Walker Outstanding Article Award for co-writing *Activists and Conflict Extension in American Party Politics*, published in 2010 in the *American Political Science Review*.
- Claudia Emerson, who received one of this year's Women of Distinction awards from the Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia for her accomplishments in culture and communication.
- **Drema Khraibani '13**, who was recognized with UMW's Citizenship Award for Diversity Leadership for her commitment to fostering inclusion on campus.

A Decade of Lectures

The Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series will celebrate its 10th season in 2013 with what promises to be its most interesting lineup ever. Experts will speak on historical and cultural icons from Cleopatra to Marilyn Monroe and Julius Caesar to Winston Churchill.

Great Lives will again feature lectures by authors on biographies they have recently published. Among them are:

- *Cronkite* by Douglas Brinkley, who accessed diaries and letters and interviewed hundreds of Walter Cronkite's friends and colleagues to craft a personal portrait of the newsman.
- *Rasputin: The Untold Story* by Joseph Fuhrmann, whose fluent Russian allowed him to interpret previously sealed documents in Moscow and Siberia.
- *Hemingway's Boat* by Paul Hendrickson, who drew on primary resources and family interviews to explore the last decades of the life of Ernest Hemingway.

The final 2013 lecture will explore the link between great achievement and mental aberration through the lives of a number of major figures. That speaker, Nassir Ghaemi, author of *A First-Rate Madness*, is professor of psychiatry and pharmacology at Tufts Medical Center.

The popular Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series began as and remains an academic course taught by William B. Crawley, professor emeritus of history and director of the series. Early on, Great Lives received a significant donation from John Chappell of Philadelphia, who provided an endowment in memory of **Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59**. According to Crawley, Chappell's initial gift and the continuing generosity of the Chappell family make it possible to attract prominent experts. The result is an unprecedented educational opportunity for students and area residents at no cost to them.

Community support has been extraordinary, with audiences in recent years averaging about 500 and, at times, approaching twice that. Organizations including the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, George Washington Foundation, Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region, and Central Rappahannock Heritage Center have sponsored lectures. In addition, individuals have given generously.

As in the past, 2013 lectures will include a presentation by the speaker and a period for questions from the audience. The programs conclude with book signings. Books will be available for purchase.

Great Lives 2013

- Jan. 24 **Julius Caesar**, by Philip Freeman: *Julius Caesar*
- Jan. 29 **Cleopatra**, by Duane W. Roller: *Cleopatra: A Biography*
- Feb. 7 **Brigham Young**, by John Turner: *Brigham Young: Pioneer Prophet*
- Feb. 12 **Lawrence of Arabia**, by Nabil Al-Tikriti
- Feb. 14 **Houdini**, by John Kasson: *Houdini, Tarzan, and the Perfect Man*
- Feb. 21 **Arthur Ashe**, by Arnold Rampersad: co-author with Ashe, *Days of Grace: A Memoir*
- Feb. 26 **Marilyn Monroe**, by Carl Rollyson: *Marilyn Monroe: A Life of the Actress*
- Feb. 28 **Marian Anderson**, by Raymond Arsenault: *The Sound of Freedom: Marian Anderson, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Concert That Awakened America*
- March 12 **Walter Cronkite**, by Douglas Brinkley: *Cronkite*
- March 19 **Winston Churchill**, by Jeremy Black: *A History of the British Isles*
- March 26 **The Pacific Admirals of World War II**, by Walter R. Borneman: *The Admirals: Nimitz, Halsey, Leahy, and King – The Five-Star Admirals Who Won the War at Sea*
- April 2 **Queen Elizabeth II**, by Sally Bedell Smith: *Elizabeth the Queen*
- April 9 **Bill Wilson**, the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, by Susan Cheever: *My Name Is Bill: Bill Wilson – His Life and the Creation of Alcoholics Anonymous*
- April 11 **Ernest Hemingway**, by Paul Hendrickson: *Hemingway's Boat*
- April 16 **Rasputin**, by Joseph Fuhrmann: *Rasputin: The Untold Story*
- April 18 **Abraham Lincoln**, by Michael Burlingame: *Abraham Lincoln: A Life*
- April 23 **Michelangelo**, by William Wallace: *Michelangelo: The Artist, the Man, and His Times*
- April 25 **Madness and Greatness**, by Nassir Ghaemi: *A First-Rate Madness*

Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium and are free to the public. Find more information and a lecture video archive at umw.edu/greatlives.



UMW Field Hockey Thrives Under Former Rival

By Clint Often

In 2003, Lindsey Elliott was a thorn in the side of the University of Mary Washington field hockey program. An All-American player, she led archrival Salisbury University to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances and two national championships.

Until last year, Dana Hall had spent 22 years coaching UMW field hockey and lacrosse. When she moved to coaching lacrosse alone, Elliott was called to replace her as head of Eagles' field hockey. Since then, the former rival has done nothing but succeed in Fredericksburg, leading the Eagles to a 15-5 record and top-15 national

ranking a year ago, and raising the bar by starting this season with a school-record 11-game winning streak en route to a top-five ranking in the nation.

"I believe it was harder for others to accept that a former Salisbury player was going to be taking over, but they have been very accepting," Elliott said. "I always knew Mary Washington was a great field hockey school, and now I have the pleasure of being a part of it."

The program, already one of the University's most successful, has thrived under Elliott. The Eagles have won six of eight games against

nationally ranked opponents, including Lebanon Valley College and Lynchburg College, in each of the past two years.

Elliott attributes the success to the players. "They have been working really hard both in and out of season for the past year, and it has really paid off on the field and being ranked in the top 10 in the nation."

Senior captain **Florence George** epitomizes the Eagles' resiliency. After a successful freshman season in 2009, she missed the 2010 season because of a knee injury that occurred in preseason practice.

She not only returned last year, but gained all-region honors.

Senior captain **Lisa Charney** added another piece to the puzzle last summer. A two-year starter at Division I Appalachian State University, Charney immediately stepped into the lineup last fall and gained all-conference and all-region accolades.

The Eagles are also strong through the middle of the field, with senior goalkeeper **Claire Gianelle** anchoring a unit that includes freshman **Haley Kane** at center defender, Charney and all-region junior **Caitlin Baker** at midfield, and freshman **Jenna Steele** at center forward.

The team's goals reach beyond the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC). Even before the regular season ended, Elliott's confidence was high. "As long as the players continue to play with confidence...we should be in the running for the national championship."

At press time, the Eagles had finished the season 16-1, cinching the top seed and a bye in the CAC tournament. For the latest news and updates, visit umweagles.com/sports/fh.



Norm Shafer

With only two minutes remaining in the Homecoming Weekend field hockey game, senior Florence George, No. 9, scored a goal against Wesley College to bring the Eagles a 4-1 victory.

Hall of Fame Grows by Five

By Clint Often

The University of Mary Washington inducted five new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame in October. The 17th Hall of Fame class includes former track and field All-Americans **Kim Alvis '00** and **Erik Kochert '02**, soccer All-American **Ellen Anderson '01**, women's lacrosse multiple All-American **Bridget Geiman '01**, and the school's all-time leading field hockey scorer, **Jessica Morris '02**.

A two-time All-American, Alvis was one of the most versatile track and field performers in program history. The holder of three school records, Alvis excelled in the triple jump, long jump, 200 meters, and 400 meters, competing in all four events at the NCAA Championships. She finished seventh in the triple jump at the 1999 NCAA Outdoor Championships and took eighth in the 400 meters at the same competition in 2000. In all, she competed in 11 NCAA Championship events during her junior and senior seasons. Alvis was named Mary Washington's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2000.

The all-time leading goal scorer in women's soccer program history, Anderson led Mary Washington to two of its best seasons ever in 1997 and 1998, as the team advanced to back-to-back NCAA Quarterfinals appearances. The 1999 and 2000 Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year gained All-America honors in 1999, and she finished her brilliant career with 47 goals, 31 assists, and 125 total points. Anderson still ranked first in career goals at the time of her induction.

Geiman finished her career as the most decorated player in women's lacrosse program history at UMW, gaining All-America honors three times, including twice being named first-team All-America. Geiman graduated as the school's all-time

leading scorer, with 269 points and 186 goals. In her 2001 senior season, she propelled the Eagles to their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III Final Four. A multiple first team all-region and all-conference pick, Geiman played in the national senior North-South all-star game. She was named Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2001 and awarded the Mary Siegrist Hinz scholarship.

Kochert was one of the most successful track and field athletes in UMW history. He gained All-America honors in 2001 and 2002 in the triple jump at NCAA Outdoor Nationals and once more in indoor nationals. At the time of his induction, he held the school indoor and outdoor records for the long jump and triple jump. A scholar, Kochert earned Academic All-America honors in 2002. He also was named Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and received the American Chemical Society Outstanding Chemistry graduate award. He earned an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, which is given to only 40 graduating seniors across all levels of NCAA institutions.

Morris ranks as one of the greatest field hockey players in school history. When she graduated, she held the UMW records for career goals, career assists, career points, goals in a season, assists in a season, and points in a game. A four-time first team all-conference and two-time All-American, Morris was named CAC Player of the Year in her senior season. She scored a school record of four goals and two assists as the Eagles defeated No. 1-ranked and previously undefeated Salisbury University. Morris was featured in *Sports Illustrated* for her efforts in that contest, and the Peninsula Sports Club named her its 2001 Female Athlete of the Year.



Kim Alvis '00



Ellen Anderson '01



Bridget Geiman '01



Erik Kochert '02



Jessica Morris '02



Enduring Direction

Theatre faculty set the stage for a lifetime

| By Kristin Davis

Suzanne Carr Rossi '01





Professor and director Gregg Stull '82 helps actors figure out the characters they portray for UMW's fall musical *Into the Woods*. Clockwise from top are Stull, Pietro Perrino '13 (the Baker), Anissa Felix '13 (the Baker's Wife), Bess Ten Eyck '13 (Little Red Ridinghood), and Chelsea Raitor '14 (Cinderella).

Cinderella had just learned life is not a fairy tale. Her happily-ever-after marriage wasn't. A vengeful giant, still on the loose, had killed the

Baker's wife. And the grief-stricken Baker had entrusted his baby to Cinderella.

Much to her relief, the Baker returned. He reached for his child, cradled in the arms of the princess.

Suddenly, with a few words from nearby, the scene from *Into the Woods* stopped.

On this October Friday night, the UMW Department of Theatre & Dance production rehearsed in a makeshift space in a storefront in Fredericksburg's Eagle Village shopping center. Director **Gregg Stull '82**, professor and department chair, kept a keen eye on the action. Their Nov. 1 premiere of the popular Sondheim musical was less than a month away.

"Wait, wait, wait," Stull called. He walked into a large rectangle outlined with tape on the floor. It marked the dimensions of the Klein Theatre stage, where *Talking With*, the first show of the 2012-2013 season, had just closed. Until Klein was cleared and sets were built for *Into the Woods*, the ensemble had to rehearse in what once was Frank's Nursery & Crafts store.

Stull asked Cinderella, **Chelsea Raitor '14**, what was *really* happening in the scene, urging her to imagine how she might react. The Baker, played by **Pietro Perrino '13**, had decided to man up, she said, to take responsibility, to do the right thing.

Stull listened to his student, then gave the smallest instruction. When you hand over the baby, Stull told Raitor, "Look in on him."

Cinderella, cradling a swaddled Cabbage Patch doll in one arm and worn script in the other, tried again.

"Good, good, good," Stull said, then returned to his seat. He would be up again in a moment helping to place Cinderella's bird-friend characters around her, trying to get the actress comfortable as she talked to them, instructing her to follow the birds with her eyes as they fluttered off-stage. Then, it was time to start over.

"Let's back up," Stull said.

It is a historic theatre season at the University of Mary Washington. One hundred years ago, on Dec. 16, 1912, the school staged its very first production – *Alice in Wonderland*. Nearly three decades later, the college named its first director of dramatic arts. A major in dramatic arts within the Department of Arts and Speech soon followed.

Students held their earliest performances in an auditorium in Monroe Hall, the school's first academic building. Later plays were staged in the outdoor amphitheater and Dodd Auditorium until the Little Theatre opened in duPont Hall in 1952. Now called Klein Theatre, it was renamed for beloved theatre professor Albert Klein a year after his unexpected death in 1970.

Over the century, Mary Washington students have staged everything from Louisa May Alcott's chaste *Little Women* to *The Laramie Project*, the story of the murder of a gay University of Wyoming student. That production prompted six members of the Rev. Fred Phelps' Westboro Baptist Church to travel from Topeka, Kan., to the Mary Washington campus to protest.

This year UMW Theatre will celebrate its centennial season by drawing from the diverse list of past performances.

Stull thought choosing from among them would be easy, but as he reviewed hundreds of titles, he found he was wrong. "It was very hard," Stull said. "There were a lot of plays done here in the early years that don't exist anymore. There are no copies."

Picking his favorite productions was like a parent picking a favorite child. A group of faculty and students ultimately whittled the list to half a dozen titles.

Into the Woods was last performed on campus in spring 1995. Stage manager and Mary Washington senior **Will Chaloner '13** described the musical as a coming-of-age story made up of fairy tale characters most any child could recognize.

For the students and faculty involved in production, the centennial is of little significance during grueling rehearsals, which can run four hours or more six or seven days a week.

But, "there's been theatre on the hill here for 100 years," Stull said. "That's worthy of noting – how vital theatre is to this community."

Director

In many ways Stull is the heart of the department. Other faculty, the staff, and the students are no less essential, but Stull is at the core. Ask those who have gone on to lead fulfilling and productive lives after collecting their theatre degrees from Mary Washington what they took from the experience, and time after time they point to the professor they've always called "Gregg."

Stull challenged them, former students said, and he elicited the best from them. He made them stretch in ways they could not have imagined. And from the very start, he treated them as colleagues.

"I will tell them the truth," Stull said.

If something is not working onstage, he lets them know. He gives them an honest, respectful critique.

"In a lot of ways, it's hard to hear," he said. "They're used to being told how wonderful they are."

But the tough love breeds growth.

Theatre students leave Mary Washington with an understanding of the entire theatrical process, from backstage to center stage. They leave, Stull hopes, with a mastery of the skills, but also with a better understanding of themselves.

Stull lets his students know right away that he is not the one with all the answers. "A lot of times, when students arrive at college, they've spent the last 12 years looking at the world in black and white, when in reality there is a lot of gray," Stull said.

"I can't tell them what a play means. They must tell me," he continued. "There is no one way to interpret a role. To work with students, to open them up to that idea, it's perilous in a lot of ways. It's unlike anything else they've experienced educationally. They've been trained in intellect. We want them to also engage their emotional lives. It leaves students in a different place. Hopefully, they know more about themselves afterward. In the arts, there is a greater vulnerability. That's what's different about what we do."

Stull came to Mary Washington as a student. His father was in the Air Force, and the family moved around a lot as he was growing up. His parents' families were from Virginia, and he arrived at college in Fredericksburg in



Geoff Green '04

Stull's passion for teaching goes beyond the classroom with both students and alumni. May 13-20, he will lead a UMW-sponsored tour of the London theatre scene from Shakespeare to the West End. Learn how to join the Alumni College on the Road trip at alumni.umw.edu/alumnicollegeroad/London.

the late 1970s – “a very different place, a very different world, a lifetime ago,” he said.

Stull soon found his way to the theatre department. “Every play has its own community, its own life. I was drawn to that. It kept drawing me back. The theatre itself became more interesting to me as I learned more about it.”

At first, like most of those who choose theatre, he wanted to be an actor. Then Stull became interested in directing. A director, he said, is the primary storyteller. It is what he likes most about his work: To teach theatre, he said, “Is to teach storytelling.”

Stull graduated from Mary Washington in 1982, went to work in professional theatre, and earned a master of arts from the University of Maryland. In 1989, he returned to his alma mater to teach a class. Three years later, he joined the faculty.

Thirty years ago, Stull could not have imagined he'd

be department chair at Mary Washington, much less marking a century of theatre.

“I've always been drawn back to teaching, to live the life of teaching. It seems to be my destiny. It suits me well,” he said. “Every single day is different.”

Teacher

Though Stull remained drawn to his profession, over time he saw that neither teaching nor learning is static. Today, he said, students learn differently.

Stull takes students to New York City for a marathon week of watching Broadway shows and meeting with professionals as part of a class he teaches every other year. “The excitement and thrill of being in the city was different for students 20 years ago,” he said. “Today students can click on the Internet and have a New York experience of sorts without ever leaving their residence

halls. They can map it out; see the sites they will be visiting. They no longer have a sense of wonder, and that wonder is part of learning.”

The classroom had changed, and he wanted to understand why. In 2010, he took a sabbatical “for the sole purpose of learning how to be a student in today’s world.”

Stull looked for a subject that taught skills as well as ideas, something that would put him back in the classroom as a beginner. He found a professional culinary school in New York and Italy that offered a year of serious study of cooking and Italian.

There he discovered parallels among theatre students, his cooking-school peers, and himself. “Many of the culinary students, like our students, want to be stars,” Stull said. “But cooking is long, tedious work, with very few stars. For the first time in many years, my work was being critiqued. And it wasn’t very good. I remembered how bruising that could be.”

To finish out the year, the professor and department head went to a professional Michelin-rated restaurant kitchen in Quattro Castella, Italy. He started at the bottom.

“I was one of those lowly interns who doesn’t know anything, who’s trying not to be in the way and trying to please everyone. It re-engaged my empathy. It reminded me that I am a good teacher,” Stull said. “But it taught me a lot more about learning. That was the great surprise. I get it again, in a way I maybe have lost touch with over the years.”

friend

It’s nearly three hours into Friday night rehearsal. Cinderella and the Baker have performed that poignant scene three times, four times, five times – so many times it’s easy to lose count.

With practice comes mastery. They will do this six days a week, then seven, until opening night.

When they don their costumes and step on the stage of the Klein Theatre, filled with parents, professors, and friends, they will be ready. Stull will make sure of that.

Later in their lives, some of the students he now directs will go on to work in the theatre. Others will find careers outside of the business.

In the beginning, recent graduates will phone Stull; they will ask for his advice, invite him to a production.



UMW Theatre last staged *Into the Woods* in 1995 in Klein Theatre. Emily Baird '96, left, Emily Hilton '98, and Jennifer Cleary '96 were in the cast.

He will answer, he will advise, and, more likely than not, he will accept the invitation. As the graduates become more comfortable in their new lives, their contact will become less frequent. But from time to time, they’ll still call their professor, their first mentor.

The University has recognized Stull’s dedication with its three top teaching honors: the Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, the student-chosen Mary W. Pinschmidt Award, and the most prestigious – the Grellet C. Simpson Award. He is the only professor to have won all three.

And Stull’s devotion to students lasts; he is still in touch with many from his very first productions.

“What sets us apart,” he said of all UMW theatre faculty and their students, “is that we really subscribe to the philosophy that we are on a journey with them. We are colleagues in this; they can rely on us. They know they can rely on us to start their lives.”

And it doesn’t really matter whether they wind up in theatre.

“It’s about the fact that they find success, and I know our talented and dedicated faculty and staff are a part of their finding that.”

What follows is a look at seven theatre alums: one who was a fellow Mary Washington undergrad with Stull and six who learned from him. Last, we talk to a young actor in her senior year. She played The Baker’s Wife in *Into the Woods*.



Martha Smith '99 📌 Set Costumer

Martha Smith '99 landed her first job out of college by cold-calling costume shops. Could she make body padding, one proprietor asked, but use birdseed for the filling? Smith said she could, and the New York shop welcomed her aboard the next day.

She stayed for the season.

Over the years, Smith has made a fat suit for ABC's 20/20. She has worked on costumes for Radio City Music Hall, the TV soap opera *Guiding Light*, and Broadway's *Kiss Me Kate*.

A year after Smith graduated from Mary Washington, *Guiding Light* hired her full time. She spent three years there before starting graduate school, which allowed her to work in costumes on Broadway at night.

"It's all about people and hard work. Mary Washington – and the theatre department in particular – never let up on these things. In this business, it's all about reputation," Smith said.

At UMW, "it didn't matter if we were college students, or if we were established in the department. We were expected to take things on in a professional manner and could never expect a handout."

Smith planned to study classics in college. "I wanted to be involved in the theatre department, however,"



David Hunt Jr.

Martha Smith '99, shown today at left, designed the costumes for the 1998 production of *Sweeney Todd*, above, worn by classmates Mike Henrickson '99 and Natalie Joy Johnson '00. Today Henrickson is a teacher; Johnson originated the role of Enid Hoopes in *Legally Blonde* on Broadway then played Paulette in the musical's national tour.

she said. "They were so friendly and welcoming, it just became a great bunch of people to be around. Then I started sewing in the costume shop."

Smith had been sewing since childhood. When she met Rosemary Ingham, theatrical costume designer and former UMW professor, she was hooked.

"In our department we had to be aware of everything – all aspects of the creative process. A liberal arts approach to theatre. That attitude serves me well now," Smith said. "I get a lot of respect from other departments because I am aware of their process, like what lens we are shooting on or which prop the actor needs. It's really important in what I do."

After *Guiding Light* and Broadway, Smith worked as Katie Couric's dresser for the evening news. She decided that she liked costumes better than clothes.

"Costumes tell a story, which is what I like about what I do," she said.

Smith now works as a set costumer in film and television. She ensures that outfits are "prepped" to be on camera, which could mean they appear dirty and wrinkled or neat and clean, she explained. She also must ensure that a costume appears the same from take to take – whether the takes are filmed a day apart or five weeks apart.

Smith worked this fall on a film called *The Wolf on Wall Street*, set to come out in 2013. She hopes to return to some theatre work in the future. "Back to my roots," she said.

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A career as entertainment producer for Royal Caribbean took Robert Kerns far from his home in Front Royal, Va., and his first job at Kings Dominion in rural Doswell, Va. He produced *Hairspray* on the world's largest cruise ship and worked with Broadway directors to stage *Chicago* on a Royal mega-ship.

Robert Kerns '81 Entertainment Producer

Robert Kerns '81 boarded a cruise ship in Dubai earlier this year. From that vibrant city nestled along the Persian Gulf, he traveled to Malaysia and Singapore. He explored India before returning to his home in South Carolina.

An entertainment producer for Royal Caribbean International, Kerns has visited much of the world: Italy and Spain, Turkey and Greece, the island of Malta in the Mediterranean. He has traveled the Caribbean extensively. Sometimes, all his travels still seem unlikely when he looks back at where he started.

Kerns grew up in Front Royal, Va., a small town in the Blue Ridge mountains, 70 miles northwest of Fredericksburg. He chose Mary Washington because it was relatively small. "It really kind of gave us the opportunity

to grow up in a safe environment," he said.

He planned to major in education, but he quickly made friends with the students working in Klein Theatre. "I had a desire to be really involved in that group. By the beginning of my freshman year, I knew that's where I needed to be. I slowly made my way over to Klein." When drama instructor Neil Howard asked Kerns to serve as stage manager for a production, Kerns' path was set.

Kerns began his career while he was still an undergraduate and took a summer job at Kings Dominion. At the end of the season, Kerns was promoted to costume supervisor of entertainment. He worked for the company for 15 years, building costumes, managing the costume shop, and traveling to theme parks for fittings and alterations. After taking a break to care for his ailing parents, Kerns went to work for Royal Caribbean.

In 2008, he produced his first Broadway show – *Hairspray* – on the world's largest luxury cruise ship, Oasis of the Seas. When Royal unveiled its next mega-ship, Allure of the Seas, Kerns produced *Chicago* with the aid of Broadway directors.

"Everything I had learned at Mary Washington and experienced in my life brought me to that point," Kerns said.

Kerns also produced aerial shows, ice shows, and "aqua theatre" – shows with divers and synchronized swimmers. He produced an original aerial show called *Come Fly With Me* and an original ice show called *Frozen in Time*.

Now he's entertainment project manager on a new class of ships, the first of which will be unveiled in 2014. Another will follow in 2015.

At 54, Kerns said, "I still feel really blessed that I can sit in a dark theatre during rehearsals, surrounded by a talented cast." And he gets to travel to places he couldn't have imagined 30 years ago.



Brandon Prendergast '95 Stage Manager

Brandon Prendergast '95 always figured he'd end up back in New York after graduating from UMW.

He grew up in the Empire state and chose Mary Washington in part for its proximity to his family, which had relocated to Maryland.

Prendergast did return to New York after earning his theatre degree – but only for a little while. He was offered a job as an assistant stage manager for a production of *The Green Bird*, directed by Julie Taymor. Taymor went on to win two Tony Awards, including best director, for *The Lion King*.

Prendergast was a stage manager with notable choreographers Susan Marshall and Twyla Tharp, and with composer Philip Glass. In rapid succession, "I was working on some really great pieces with very talented directors. I had a really great New York career going for myself as a stage manager."

But Prendergast was always looking for the next project – and working temp jobs to make ends meet. "I wanted a little more stability."

He moved to Washington, D.C., where he got a job



Mark Ramont

Brandon Prendergast divides his professional efforts among three D.C. stages – Shakespeare Theatre, the Kennedy Center, and Ford's Theatre – and he teaches stage management at UMW. Shown above at Ford's, he conducts a technical rehearsal for *Sabrina Fair* with director Stephen Rayne, left, and assistant stage manager Kate Kilbane.

with Shakespeare Theatre Company. He spent eight years there. In 2005, he became a freelance stage manager in Washington, working at the Kennedy Center, Ford's Theatre, and Shakespeare Theatre. "I'm fortunate enough I can schedule my calendar and can make a living doing a show at all three places," Prendergast said.

He also teaches stage management at UMW. "That is very important to me."

The shows at the Kennedy Center "have the production values of a Broadway show. It is a wonderful opportunity to work with extraordinary talent in Washington, D.C. – an opportunity that is hard to find outside of New York," he said.

Prendergast has worked with Broadway and film stars such as Kathy Bates, Richard Thomas, Christine Baranski, Shirley Jones, Bernadette Peters, Dana Ivey, Linda Lavin, Elaine Paige, and George Grizzard. "I have been fortunate to be in rehearsals with Stephen Sondheim, Terrence McNally, Angela Lansbury, Jason Robert Brown, Marsha Norman, and many other enormously talented theatre professionals," he said.

"Working at three different theatres, it never gets boring. I'm always working with different people at different shows," Prendergast said. He strives to bring his experiences in Washington to students in Fredericksburg. "It's really a nice balance to me to have those two worlds and go back and forth between them."



Vanessa Elese won a Daytime Emmy in 2010 for Outstanding Achievement in Makeup in a drama series for her work on *All My Children*.

Vanessa Elese '01 🐾 Makeup Artist



Vanessa Elese '01 knew she wanted five things from her career when she set out for an internship with TV's *All My Children* after college: Creativity and profitability. The chance to give back. To love her work. And to have fun while doing it.

As a freelance makeup artist in New York, "all those things added up for me," said Elese, who in college used the last name Muhlenfeld. If recognition had been on her list, she would have scored that, too. She won a Daytime Emmy in 2010 for Outstanding Achievement in Makeup in a drama series for her work on *All My Children*.

Elese grew up in Arizona. She wanted an East Coast experience after high school, and came to Mary Washington. "I loved the sense of community that was there," she said.

She also got the support and encouragement to do whatever she set her mind to. That included executive directing and starring in a soap opera pilot for her senior thesis. Elese assembled a cast and crew and traveled to New York for filming over a three-day weekend. She finished the shooting in Virginia, edited it in Chicago with the help of a friend, and screened it at Dodd Auditorium.

"Thinking back on it, it was so crazy." Of her professor she said, "Gregg [Stull] could have put the whole kibosh on my senior project. He left me to do what I needed to do."

"He created a team of people who invested in students like they were their own children."

While interning with *All My Children*, Elese worked at a talent agency and explored acting. She also kept up with makeup. "The makeup side really took off."

She worked as a makeup artist for *Saturday Night Live* and for the TV series *Damages* starring Glenn Close.

Elese recently was co-host and executive producer for a makeover pilot. "These things are a dime a dozen," she said, "but it was a positive experience."

She's looking for a home for the still-untitled makeover show. Meanwhile, she keeps busy with clients, who include designers, entertainers, and celebrities. So that leaves only "giving back" from her must-have list made more than a decade ago. She contributes time to the "3 Angels Fund," a nonprofit created by actress NiCole Robinson and her husband, Craig Snyder, who lost an infant son to a rare genetic lung disease.

LA Trio '03 & '04 🐾 Working Actors

The three best friends wanted the chance to act – even if it meant taking day jobs to pay the rent. Where better to find work, they figured, than Los Angeles?

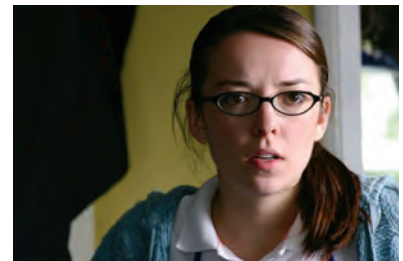
Barbara Howlin '03 led the way. She'd planned to go to New York, until she fell in love with LA during a visit there. Becca Murray '04 and Liz Beebe '04 joined her a year later, eager for a built-in support system so far from home. Since then, the friends have been doing what they love in the actors' Mecca.

Howlin works at Anthony Meindl's Actors Workshop. Murray works for one of the most-listened-to public radio stations in the country. Beebe works in advertising and television production. All are jobs that allow the women the flexibility to pursue their passions.

Beebe's job helped give her "a foot in the entertainment industry." Since arriving in LA, she has performed in



Barbara Howlin, above left, Becca Murray, and Liz Beebe became friends through UMW Theatre, headed to LA, and found work in film and TV. At right, top to bottom: Howlin in the movie *Birds of a Feather*; Murray in the comedy *All Bets Are Off*; and Beebe in an ad for Match.com.



commercials – including one for dating website Match.com – short films, and webisodes. She’s worked in theatre and is part of Satin Dollz Pin Up Dancers, a song-and-dance company. The troupe, formed in 2006, performs songs from the 1930s through the 1950s at parties, playhouses, and clubs.

Murray has appeared in independent features, short films, webisodes, and commercials. Howlin has worked in film and theatre. She appeared on an episode of *I Didn’t Know I Was Pregnant* and as the noisy neighbor on the TV movie *Worst Case Scenario*. She also played a role in the indie film *Birds of a Feather*.

After growing up in New Hampshire and attending boarding school in Maine, Beebe looked for a college in the South. Howlin and Murray, both from Northern Virginia, longed to find a small-town, liberal arts college. Mary Washington did not disappoint.

“We really got a lot of real-life experience and knowledge some people don’t,” Howlin said of college life for the three theatre majors. “Gregg [Stull] went out of his way to give us that.”

Soon after Beebe arrived in LA, she used her undergraduate experience to help cast a commercial.

“I could see people having no idea what they were doing,” she said. “We were exposed to a lot of auditions. I remember thinking, ‘Thank goodness I went to college where I did.’”

Murray said she arrived in LA with respect for all jobs in the theatre, which she learned in Klein. “Because it’s a general theatre degree, you have to learn about every aspect of it. You don’t get to just be an actor the whole time. It’s just as much stage management as acting. It teaches you not to be a diva, which is huge in LA. A lot of us have encountered actors who have that mentality. We appreciate that we are not that way. A lot of that came from Gregg. He would not let us act that way.”

The three women lived together for years, but now it’s just Howlin and Murray. Beebe lives with her husband – less than a mile away from her best

friends.

Their goals are the same as when they left Mary Washington.

“I just want to keep finding new challenges,” Howlin said, speaking for all of them. LA is a “huge small town... you never know what’s going to come your way.”

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Geoff Green '04

Stull “doesn’t ever let me get away easy. He won’t sugarcoat anything. He’ll tell you straight up. He’s also incredibly fair.”
— Anissa Felix

Anissa Felix, right, plans to head to New York City the day after graduation to start her theatre career. Last spring she played the eponymous and complex role of Hedda Gabler alongside Christopher Shea '12, left, as Judge Brack.

Anissa Felix '13 ➔ Student Actor

Anissa Felix '13 remembers the first show she saw on Broadway: *Fosse*, a three-act musical revue featuring the choreography of musical theatre legend Bob Fosse.

She was not yet 10 years old. She left the theatre determined that she would spend the rest of her life singing and dancing.

“I had always been a performer,” said Felix, who started taking singing and dancing lessons at age 5. Experiencing the revue “solidified it.”

At 21, she figures she has seen at least 30 shows since then. It is nearly impossible for her to pick a favorite, although *In the Heights*, *Once the Musical*, and *The Book of Mormon* all rank near the top.

Felix’s parents moved from Brooklyn, N.Y., to Virginia in the 1980s before their daughter was born. They returned to New York often, with their children in tow. When her dad thought Felix was old enough, he showed her how to navigate the city.

Felix fell in love with it. She plans to go back as soon as she collects her theatre degree in May.

“As in: We graduate on the 11th, and on the 12th I’ll be in New York,” she said.


But for now, she’s enjoying Mary Washington. She chose the University, in part, she said, “so I wouldn’t get lost in a crowd or a bigger city. The professors know me by name.”

In Stull, she found a diplomat and a critic. “He doesn’t ever let me get away easy,” Felix said. “He won’t sugarcoat anything. He’ll tell you straight up. He’s also incredibly fair. Anyone who meets him will tell you that. I can’t rave about him enough.”

Stull taught Felix to leave her preconceived ideas at the door, to always be willing to listen. She credits him with the opportunity she had in summer 2012 to go to New York University for the CAP21 Professional Musical Theatre Training Program, a kind of boot camp for musical theatre.

“I loved it,” Felix said. “It was my dream.”

The soon-to-be graduate has another dream, one she shares with countless Mary Washington theatre students who’ve taken to the stage over the last 100 years: “Survive on acting alone.” 🏠



Klein Theatre is a space that binds us all together; it is at the very heart of all that we do. All of our students spend countless hours in the building, rehearsing and performing. Our faculty work alongside them to create theatre in a process that — we hope — offers them ideas and skills to create extraordinary lives for themselves.

— Gregg Stull

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Kristen LePine, playwright

Beverly Mendez, choreographer

Brandon Prendergast, AEA stage manager

Roxann Rowley, choreographer

Mark Scharf, playwright

Natalie Tenner, theatre historian

Christopher Wingert, music director

Theatre staff:

Kenny Horning, scene shop foreman

Jon K. Reynolds, assistant to the chair

Marilyn Wojdak, costume shop supervisor

HOMEWORK

Parenting Inspires Academic Research

Story by Donya Currie | Photos by Norm Shafer

Miriam Liss and Holly Schiffrin '94 already had an interest in child development when they arrived at the UMW Department of Psychology as professors several years ago. Schiffrin had a degree in child development, Liss in clinical child psychology.

What cemented their desire to conduct research on how parenting can affect mental health, though, were the births of their own children. They focused on the many ways women walk the tightrope of work and family life, at first managing breast-feeding and diapering and later juggling dance classes, music, and sports.

"The interest specifically in parenting has evolved as I've become a parent and really struggled personally with the issue of how to juggle work and parenting," said Schiffrin, mom to two daughters ages 5 and 9.

Liss, mother of a 4-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son, has found herself reading every parenting book she could get her hands on, including critical analyses of mothering.

"That kind of kept me sane and helped me take a step

away from worry about how my kids were achieving," Liss said.

In the competitive marketplace that is mothering, both women found it common for fellow mothers to put their children's needs first. The psychology professors even found themselves in the familiar camp of questioning whether, when it came to raising their children, they were doing it right.

"I think, 'My daughter: She's only doing gymnastics. Should I add dance?'" Liss said. "Yet I don't want to overschedule."

Schiffrin noted that the mother of a girl in her daughter's dance class would become upset when Schiffrin's daughter would advance a level. That mother would then clamor for her child to be promoted as well. Schiffrin wondered if this was teaching her own daughter to rely on a mother's intervention to

get ahead in life.

As they navigated the world of the working mom, both saw evidence of mothers following "the belief we can shape our children into these emblems of perfection," Liss said. And they found themselves pondering, what does this do to mothers?

A plethora of research looks at parenting through a mental



Miriam Liss and Holly Schiffrin '94



Professors of Psychology Holly Schiffrin, left, and Miriam Liss collaborated with then-student researcher Kathryn Rizzo '12, not pictured, on a study of how intensive mothering affects the health of mothers. The psychology department colleagues, both mothers, were surprised by the media attention that came their way after the results of the study were published last summer.

health lens, but what Schiffrin and Liss found lacking was a quantitative way to measure how mothers felt. The two developed a scale to measure intensive parenting attitudes and found a strong link between parental pressures and mental health.

Published in the *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, a study Liss and Schiffrin co-authored with then-undergraduate student **Kathryn Rizzo '12** sought to find out how “intensive mothering” affected the mental health of mothers. Such intensive mothers believe mothers are the more essential parents, that children’s needs come first and that children

should be considered “sacred, delightful, and fulfilling to parents.” When the study revealed such a parenting style can actually lead to maternal depression and stress, the resulting flurry of media coverage this past summer underscored the hunger for information on the best way to mother.

Schiffrin was on a family vacation to Disney World when the story broke, so Liss dealt with on-camera interviews and calls from print reporters in the initial week. Stories about their research appeared in *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, at Time.com and Forbes.com, and in other national and international media.



Above: Holly Schiffrin and daughter Lauryn leave Lauryn's after-school dance lesson. **Right:** Later that evening, daughter Jordan whispers a secret her father, Jon, isn't meant to hear.

"The summer was quite a whirlwind," Liss said. "I'd never had to close my door and say, 'I'm talking to a reporter. Don't bother Mommy.' But it was exciting. It made me feel like people think this is important."

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Other research collaborations between the two working moms include a study on "helicopter" parenting, or those parents who constantly hover in order to solve their children's problems. One of their studies looked at "swooping-in behavior" in which a parent fixes a problem for a child before the child has a chance to fix it. Among college-age students, they found the students were more depressed and more anxious when they felt their parents were helicoptering.

"It's developmentally appropriate to intensely monitor a 2-year-old," said Liss, who like Schiffrin has had parents of her adult students intervene in matters of grades or classroom assignments. "It's not developmentally appropriate to intensely monitor a 20-year-old."



One beauty of working as professors and researchers in the psychology department, both Liss and Schiffrin said, is the tradition of involving students directly with research projects.

"UMW is very special in that it gives students the opportunity to work closely with faculty and produce publishable work," Liss said. "Not many schools give students that opportunity. I've published a lot of papers with student co-authors."

Schiffrin said that while bigger schools might have undergraduate students doing data entry, those in the UMW psychology department are "dealing with the meat of the work." Involving students directly in research "takes the need to educate students and the need to produce research and brings them together," she said.



Above: After picking up daughter Emily from preschool one afternoon in September, Liss does some chalk drawing with Emily and son Daniel before heading off to Daniel's soccer practice. **At left:** Liss helps Emily work on a coloring-book math problem while they wait for Daniel on the sidelines.



Much of their research – from the studies on intensive mothering and helicopter parenting to one on the guilt and shame mothers feel when they are not measuring up to the self-imposed standard of a supermom – is taking shape as a book. The idea is to find a work-family balance and not be over-extended in any one area, whether it's leading all the children's carpools or staying too late at the office.

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The focus on parenting in much of Liss and Schiffrin's research leads them both to examine their own styles from time to time.

"I try really hard not to be crazy, developmental-

psychologist mom," Schiffrin said. "I try to just have kids."

Could all parents benefit from self-examination from time to time?

"Everybody could, but you don't want to do it in a hyper-neurotic, constantly questioning 'Am I doing it right' way," Liss said. "We're so critical of ourselves." And those intensive mothers tend to be the type to constantly examine their parenting style.

"I'm a big fan of mindfulness, being in the moment, trying to be in the here and now instead of constantly wondering 'Am I doing this right?'" Liss said. "The goal is not to be telling parents they're doing something wrong. Parents tend to be so hard on themselves."

Schiffrin agreed, calling for "that happy medium."

"When you obsess and have lots of anxiety over 'Am I doing the right thing?' and over minute details that probably don't matter much, then that's not good for you or your child," Schiffrin said. "All things in moderation." 🏠



Milton Kline

By Lisa Chinn '92

Fresh out of high school with two potential summer jobs, Milton Kline was faced with a choice: pickles or paint? Taking a pass on the pickle factory position might have been the best decision he ever made.

A chief painter at the University of Mary Washington, Kline has been covering the campus in satins and semi-glosses for more than three decades, but UMW's walls aren't all that he brightens. He does the same for employee morale as president of the Staff Advisory Council and for young people's futures as leader of the popular student-painting program. He spends evenings writing referral letters to help his charges land jobs, turns up at their ballgames and class presentations to show support, and trusts them to do their own thing to help build their confidence.

"I let students manage themselves," Kline said. "In a student-run organization, they have ownership."

By now, Kline has his UMW painting schedule in sync with the school year. Projects like stairwells and railings can be done any time, residence hall rooms have to wait until after graduation in May, and academic buildings can be painted only after summer session ends.

He's constantly tracking a pinwheel of colors and brands – ivory, eggshell, and off-white; Duron, Douglas, and Sherwin-Williams – so he'll know what to use when touch-ups are needed. Columns of paint cans rise on shelves near his no-frills desk in a dusty corner of Facilities Services. But his "real office" can be seen rolling down College Avenue – a steel-gray '83 Dodge van that arrived at Mary Washington just a few years after he did.

Kline, who lives in King George County with wife Linda and son Erik, a senior in high school, did dabble briefly in another line of work. He grew up with parents who were educators, and, after earning a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from James Madison University, accepted a teaching position at a Northumberland County, Va., middle school. That lasted six weeks.

"The kids didn't exactly respond the way they do on the video clips," he said.

College students are a much better match for Kline. Every year he scours the flood of applications for painting-crew jobs, looking for motivated members who'll take pride in their work and get along well.

"I want them to be like vegetable soup," he said of his students, many of whom have gone on to jobs as lawyers and professors, and in other respected professions. "You've



got lima beans, corn, tomatoes. If somebody throws a rotten tomato in there, nobody wants to eat it."

With his vast institutional knowledge and campus-wide friendships, Kline thinks of himself as "the Google search engine for Mary Washington," putting students in touch with those who can best provide counsel on the careers they're considering. Kline's own advice on choosing a profession? Besides steering clear of the pickles?

"Success in life is measured by how happy you are," he said, "not by your salary or your job title."

What do you love most about UMW? *The opportunity to work with students – the same reason everybody's here, the friends I've made, and the opportunity to work under the leadership of Rick Hurley.*

What would you change about UMW? *I'd like to see the University build its endowment so all employees and students can have more opportunities. I'd like alumni to realize their gifts aren't charity; they're investing in the value of their diplomas.*

How would you describe yourself? *Goal-oriented. I like people. I have high expectations. Lucky – I think I have the best job here. If I had my choice to do anything here, I'd want this job.*

What motivates you? *When students who are now alumni contact me and tell me that their lives have been affected by the experiences they gained here.*

What inspires you? *Recently, the drive the Staff Advisory Council did to get school supplies for children. It was the best example of a sense of community among different departments. It's about the sense of community we have at the University, the school spirit.*

What do you enjoy doing? *Playing golf and going to JMU football and basketball games.*

What are you afraid of? *That when I'm retired, I won't be as fulfilled as I am now.*

What keeps you awake at night? *Family issues, like everyone else. And wanting to be sure all the students working for me are being challenged and that they are reaching their full potential. 🏠*



Recent Grad a Lifesaver

Just months after earning a bachelor's degree at UMW, **Lauren Kornacki '12** learned a different kind of lesson – how it feels to be a hero.

In July, Kornacki saved her father's life after finding him trapped beneath a car he'd been working on. The physics major and basketball player maintained that her Mary Washington experience helped her perform such a feat, as she struggled to contend with the fanfare that followed.

"My dad means everything to me," she told *ABC World News*. "I'm having a hard time with this attention." CNN, *Fox News*, and the *New York Daily News* also covered the story.

Alec Kornacki's heart had stopped beating when his daughter found him pinned beneath his BMW 525i in the garage of her family's Richmond-area home. She lifted the car off him, pulled him to safety, and performed life-saving CPR. Kornacki, 52, suffered broken ribs and other injuries – all minor compared to what could've happened had the younger Kornacki not taken action.

A pool manager, she'd recently been recertified in CPR, also a requirement for her student job with UMW campus recreation. Three years of lifting weights for basketball helped, too, she said.

"Lauren is so courageous," UMW women's basketball head coach Deena Applebury told *The Free Lance-Star*. "It doesn't surprise me...that she jumped into action."



When Lauren Kornacki, right, found her father, Alec Kornacki, trapped under a car, the one-time UMW basketball player lifted the BMW 525i off him, performed CPR, and saved his life.



Kimberley Slayton White is sworn in as the first female judge in Virginia's 10th Judicial Circuit.

Alumna is 10th Circuit's First Woman Judge

Kimberley Slayton White '85 is the first woman to serve as judge in Virginia's 10th Judicial Circuit. Gov. Bob McDonnell appointed the South Boston, Va., lawyer to the eight-county circuit, which includes Halifax County, where White lives with her family.

"I am pleased to appoint these highly qualified individuals to the Circuit Court," McDonnell said in a press release naming several judgeships. "Kim has honorably served the people of Halifax County as their commonwealth's attorney for the last eight years."

White's September swearing-in ceremony was a family affair. Her husband, son, and daughter stood with her as her uncle, retired judge and former delegate Frank Slayton, administered the oath. Her sister-in-law, Ellen White, a juvenile and domestic relations court judge in the 24th Judicial Circuit, helped her don the robe of office.

Kimberley White, who will hold the interim judicial circuit post until 30 days after the 2013 Virginia General Assembly session begins, previously served as a partner with the Woods Rogers law firm in Danville, Va., as an assistant and a deputy commonwealth's attorney for the City of Lynchburg, as a special assistant United States attorney for the Western District of Virginia, and as chair of the Virginia State Bar Committee on Lawyer Discipline. An instructor on trial practice, White earned a degree from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University.



Writer's Works Destined for Film



Robert Severi

Maggie Stiefvater '03

You don't have to be psychic to know that the latest novel by **Maggie Hummel Stiefvater '03** is headed for fame. Warner Brothers' New Line Cinema acquired film rights to the first of the bestselling young-adult-fantasy author's new four-book series, *The Raven Boys*, before it hit the shelves in September. Producer Akiva Goldsman of *A Beautiful Mind* and *The Da Vinci Code* is slated for the project.

The Raven Boys, based on magic and Welsh mythology, revolves around an ill-fated romance between the daughter of the town psychic in fictional Henrietta, Va., and a rich boy from the exclusive Aglionby Academy.

Stiefvater writes full time now but recalls "a tumultuous past as a history major, calligraphy instructor, wedding musician, technical editor, and equestrian artist." Her *Wolves of Mercy Falls* trilogy, about a supernatural romance, boasts 1.7 million copies, according to the global publishing company Scholastic, with rights to more than 36 foreign editions licensed to the series' first book, *Shiver*. The second installment, *Linger*, debuted at No. 1 on the *New York Times* best-sellers list. The series, along with Stiefvater's highly acclaimed *The Scorpio Races*, published last year, also was optioned by Warner Brothers.

Stiefvater, an award-winning colored-pencil artist and master of multiple musical instruments, lives in Montross, Va., with her husband and two children. She also creates musical compositions and animated trailers for her books.

"I write for myself; I write for my sister, who is 10 years younger than me; and I write for my mother, who...is 25 years older than me," she said in a recent NPR interview. "If I hit all of those...I consider myself happy."

Math Teacher's Efforts Add Up

This summer fewer than 100 math and science educators received the nation's highest honor in their field. Chancellor High School math teacher **Kimberly Riddle '98, M.Ed '04**, was among them.

"These teachers are the best of the best," President Obama said of the 97 winners of the 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), reserved for those who develop and implement effective instructional programs.

Riddle has spent a decade teaching algebra, geometry, pre-calculus, and other courses at the Spotsylvania County, Va., high school. Lacing her classes with hands-on activities and discussion, she's advocated for curriculum changes in algebra-based courses since attending a 2008 session about the importance of visualizations, context, and pattern building.

"Knowledge gained should not be withheld for self-serving purposes," Riddle said on the PAEMST website. "Knowledge should be shared with colleagues."

The award-winning teacher earned two degrees from UMW: a bachelor's in liberal studies and, in 2004, a master's of education.

She and other honorees received a three-day June trip packed with professional development opportunities and meetings with Obama administration members and National Science Foundation staff in Washington, D.C. They each also won a \$10,000 cash award.



Kimberly Riddle '98, M.Ed '04 poses with her Presidential certificate between U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and National Science Foundation Deputy Director Cora Marrett.

Poet Honored for Short Fiction



Kelly Cherry '61

Organizers of the Rebecca Mitchell Tarumoto Short Fiction Prize hope this year's inaugural winner sets the standard for future awards.

Kelly Cherry '61 accepted the prize in March for her work *On Familiar Terms*, a story of multiple generations told in fewer than 20 pages.

"The award is definitely starting out auspiciously with such an outstanding writer as Kelly Cherry," said Gregory Donovan, senior editor of *Blackbird*, the online literary journal from which winners are

selected. He said Cherry's inaugural selection will make later winners "feel even more positive about the support it brings to their writing and their careers."

Blackbird editors selected Cherry's work for its subtle narrative voice, masterful compression of time, and affectionate portrayal of character.

The family of the late Tarumoto, an award-winning fiction writer, sponsors the prize, in part, to expand the audience for extraordinary short stories. The competition will pay particular attention to emerging writers.

Winners receive \$2,000 and are asked to visit with Richmond-area students.

"I'm honored and delighted to receive the first Tarumoto Prize," said Cherry, a former Virginia Poet Laureate and author of 20 books of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry; eight chapbooks; and translations of two classical plays. "I hope my story does justice to the donor's generosity and the judges' decision."

Swimmers Venture Beyond English Channel

William Davis Lee '98 and **Courtney Moates Paulk '92** had their eyes on the same prize – the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming. The "grand slam" of distance swimming, the Crown requires navigation of 21 miles of the English Channel, 21 miles of the Catalina Channel off California, and 28.5 miles around Manhattan Island.



The Daily News

William Davis Lee '98

In June, Lee became the 50th person to finish all three; he circumnavigated Manhattan Island in less than 8 ½ hours.

Paulk, who twice swam the New York leg of the challenge, is one event closer to her goal; she conquered the English Channel in August in just more than 14 hours. She hopes to swim the Catalina Channel next year.

Triple Crown swimmers endure unpredictable currents, plummeting water temperatures, and periodic feedings; they dodge large ships, aquatic life, and litter. Paulk, an attorney with Hirschler Fleischer in Richmond, said she experienced a "power puke" after entering the Harlem River near Manhattan in June.

Jellyfish pelted Lee, a nuclear physicist for Axcelis Technologies in Beverly, Mass., during his Catalina swim last July.

The MIT-trained doctor of nuclear science and engineering had long dreamed of swimming the English Channel. He played water polo in high school and, for a while, at Mary Washington.

Paulk started swimming at age 3 and fell in love with the open water in high school. She studied theatre at Mary Washington and earned a law degree from the University of Richmond.

The aquatic alumni still share a future goal – conquering the Strait of Gibraltar, a 9-mile stretch of treacherous traffic and currents.



Mary Harding

Courtney Moates Paulk '92

Matt Paulk

Books by Faculty

The Okinawan Diaspora in Japan, Crossing the Borders Within

By Steve Rabson, adjunct professor of classics, philosophy, and religion

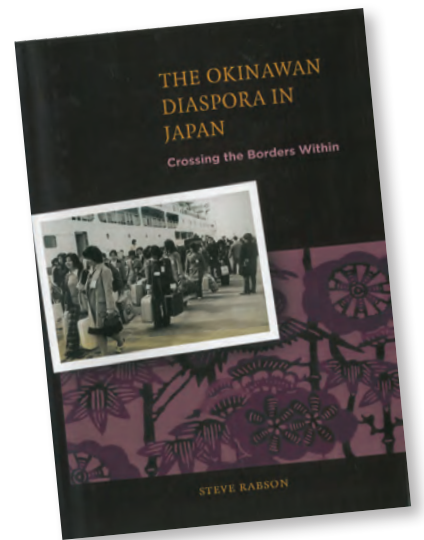
Three decades after living in Okinawa, where he was stationed with the Army in the late '60s, Steve Rabson returned for research. His two-year study resulted in *The Okinawan Diaspora in Japan, Crossing the Borders Within*, the first English-language book on the topic. It examines the struggles of Okinawans who emigrated from the North Pacific island to mainland Japan and faced prejudice as minorities there; how this phenomenon was influenced by government regulations, corporate policies, and popular attitudes; and Japan's more recent struggle to accept its citizens' multi-ethnicity.

While living in Osaka from 1999 to 2001, Rabson explored essential sources, conducted dozens of interviews, administered hundreds of questionnaires, and gleaned information from conversations over coffee with neighbors.

Christopher Nelson, associate professor of anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, wrote of the book, "Readers will find themselves immersed in the experiences of discrimination and betrayal, extermination and neglect, hope and assimilation."

Rabson is professor emeritus of East Asian studies at Brown University. He studied Japanese language and literature, earning a master's degree from Sophia University in Tokyo and a Ph.D. from Harvard.

Published by University of Hawai'i Press, November 2011



Books by Alumni

The Tall Tale of Tommy Twice

By Nathan Leslie '94

As a 21-year-old traveling alone, camping and picking up hitchhikers from Maryland to Colorado, **Nathan Leslie '94** came across some interesting personalities. Years later, the cross-country excursion he took after college graduation inspired his debut novel.

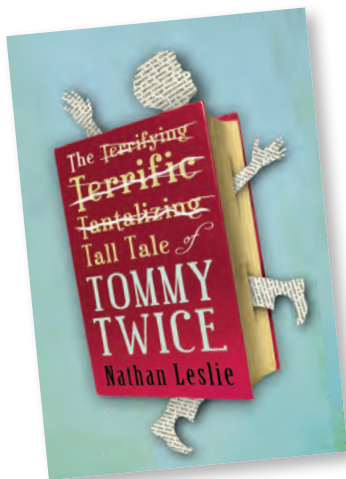
In *The Tall Tale of Tommy Twice*, an orphan dreams of living in a "typical" home. But, as he's tossed from country to city and coast to coast to stay with one eccentric relative after another, he begins to question his desire for a conventional life.

Family relationships, childhood wonder, and the difficulties of establishing an identity in America are explored as Tommy gets to know Grandma Gaga, whose home is perched on Pike's Peak; Aunt Tess, who hides things in her fluffy hair; Aunt Penny, who communicates through ESP; and Aunt Chelsea, who hunts coyotes.

Jason Sanford, a founding editor of the quarterly journal *Story South*, said of the work, "I have long been a fan of Nathan's first-person writing style, and this [novel] showcases his ability to great effect."

Leslie, assistant professor of English at Northern Virginia Community College and former *Pedestal Magazine* fiction editor, has written seven story collections. His short fiction has appeared in *Slab*, *Gargoyle*, *Boulevard*, *Red Rock Review*, *Dos Passos Review*, and *North American Review*.

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Get the Picture?

When **Frances Ferguson Rowan '58** spotted her fellow art major in the summer 2012 edition of *Get the Picture*, she emailed *University of Mary Washington Magazine* from her Reston, Va., home. A little farther down the East Coast, **Mary "Kay" Martin Britto '58** of Wrightsville Beach, N.C., also recognized the painter posing with a portrait outside Melchers Hall the year they all graduated, and she picked up the phone.

"Kay Britto called me and said, 'I think this is you,'" said **Bonnie Hatch Bowden '58** of Wilmington, N.C. And it was.

A favorite art professor, Julien Binford, who in 1956 instituted UMW's annual major art exhibit, assigned students to copy other painters' works to teach technique. Bowden re-created this oil painting from a work lent by a New York art dealer for the professor's class.

"We all loved Mr. Binford," wrote Bowden, a potter with a master's degree in art education from the University of Illinois. He "taught us so many wonderful things about painting and color and design, things I have used my entire life."



Give It Your Best Shot!

In 1972, it was evident across the country and the campus that the times were changing.

By then, "Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia" was authorized to admit men, and "The University" – common parlance in the Old Dominion for the fruit of Thomas Jefferson's all-male academic vision – had begun to accept women. In July 1972, Mary Washington claimed its independence and became an autonomous liberal arts college looking forward to educating the women *and men* of a growing urban corridor.

That month, *Ms. Magazine* hit the stands with Gloria Steinem as editor. The feminist and co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus came to Fredericksburg that fall to campaign for Sen. George McGovern for president after her preferred candidate, Rep. Shirley Chisholm, lost the Democratic Party nomination to the South Dakotan. McGovern in turn was handily defeated by Richard M. Nixon.

Daniel A. Dervin, professor emeritus of English, attended the McGovern rally and snapped this photo of Mary Washington students with Steinem. Can you identify the young women or remember any details about the rally?

If you can, please send an email with *Get the Picture* in the subject line to ntrenis@umw.edu, or comment online at magazine.umw.edu.

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1. **Caleigh Ross '12** and **Katelynn Vance '08** connected at a New England Network Reception for alumni, parents, and friends in Cambridge, Mass., in September. UMW President Richard V. Hurley was on hand to speak about plans for the upcoming academic year.
2. Families with multiple Mary Washington connections, including son-mother-daughter trio **Will McCarry '14**, **Nan Stanford McCarry '83**, and **Caroline McCarry '15**, gathered at Jepson Alumni Executive Center in September for the annual Legacy Breakfast.
3. UMW alumni, including **David Spry '08** and **Philip Seidman '05**, reaffirmed friendships at an October New York Network Reception.
4. Peter Stoffel and his mother, **Leigh Wafle Stoffel '91**, showed spirit at the Fredericksburg Alumni Network's annual crab feast in August.
5. Homecoming was a great opportunity for members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors to get together.
6. A Student vs. Alumni Cornhole Tournament, along with Muffins and Mimosas, was a highlight of Homecoming Weekend 2012.
7. **Tola Adebajo '12** and **Maria Cate '12** reflected on college days at the Alumni Tent Party during Homecoming Weekend in October.

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1941

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Greetings from the students who entered the State Teachers College in Fredericksburg in 1937. Most of us lived in Willard and Virginia halls. The next year we became Mary Washington College! Remember, you were a “Goat” or “Devil,” depending on whether your graduation year was an odd or even number?

Eva Catafygiotu Topping, a “town girl” among our class’s most intellectually endowed, died in December, leaving a trail of published works on ancient Greece.

Lenore Magill Powell-Gill is in good health and married Don Gill in May 2011. They traveled, including a river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow, and planned to move to a larger apartment. Lenore’s first great-great-grandchild was born last year. In New York, **Dorothy Shaw** winters at the Buffalo family home and summers at the West Valley farm, caring for dogs, goats, and chickens. She does tai chi, plays cribbage and with music groups, and helps train dogs to aid the handicapped. **Myra McCormick Cole**’s daughter, Dawn, lives with her in Texas.

Catherine Studebaker Perdue Ryan received a copy of *UMW Magazine* addressed to her mother, **Betty Johnson Studebaker**, who passed away in January 2011. Catherine said Betty made lifelong friends at Mary Washington, counted

studying there among her proudest accomplishments, and was proud that grandson **Jarrett Perdue ’96** also attended.

Having served twice as class agent, I’m stepping down to give someone else this great opportunity to keep in contact with the Class of 1941. Best wishes for the season. Keep well and have fun. Much love, Lois.

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I’m doing pretty well, but my back keeps me from walking far. We planned an August family reunion in Ocean Grove, N.J., with my whole family, including my second great-granddaughter, Katelyn, whom I hadn’t yet seen, and my other great-granddaughter, Layla, who is walking and whom I’d only seen in videos. I still am active in church, choir, and volunteer organizations, and I play bridge and do puzzles.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray had a Fourth of July cookout at daughter Trisha’s home with family members, including two great-grandchildren. On Jan. 1, Elizabeth expects another great-grandchild, whose parents are grandson Matthieu and wife Kerry. Elizabeth doesn’t travel off Nantucket Island much anymore but planned to see **Billy Elliot** in Boston with Trish. During the summer heat wave, **Anna Roberts Ware** repotted plants to bring inside out of the heat. She didn’t lose power during the big storm, but more than 40 trees were lost along the golf course. She’s happy, likes to watch golf, and has everything she needs in the one room she has in her beautiful house. **Libby Phillips Roe**’s computer

was down, so she and Anna wrote or called to keep in touch.

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey’s granddaughter lives in England and was expecting a daughter, Mary Ellen’s first great-grandchild. Son Don’s family planned to visit England for the big event. **Isabel Hildrup Klein** and Bob love their retirement-community house and also were expecting their first great-grandchild, whose parents are Robin and Brad. Isabel still drives to church and for shopping but not at night.

I enjoy and appreciate getting news from classmates. Thank you!

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1946

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1947

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This is a long overdue thanks to **Jean Ransom**, who brainstormed with me before my English essays were due and made suggestions for my art projects. I couldn’t have made it through freshman year without her. Please let me hear from other classmates.

1948

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1949

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Corinne “Conni” Conley Stuart and husband Bonar of Toronto miss their lakeside vacation home but have everything they need in their condo, including a salt-water pool, exercise room, and yoga classes. Conni recently recorded additional dialogue for the Canadian film *Old Stock*, which was scheduled for release during September’s Toronto Film Festival. Other than occasional TV cameos,

Conni felt that might be her swan song. She returned to live theatre, playing a 90-year-old woman in Edward Albee’s *Three Tall Women* – hardly typecasting for our energetic Conni! The summer issue of *UMW Magazine* featured a profile of her and her extensive acting career on page 37. Earlier in the year, Bonar was admitted to the hospital but contracted a bug during his stay and had to return twice. Still, Conni praises their national health plan; a personal care worker, nurse, and physical therapist visited Bonar daily. Conni was amused by an account of former roommate/suitemate **Norah Pitts Byrnes**’ physician husband, who complained like the rest of us during his recent experience as a patient in Atlanta.

In Stockbridge, Mass., **Primm Turner ffrench** had surgery earlier this year and, over family protests, immediately left for her summer home in Ireland. Since husband John’s death, there have been several retrospective exhibits of his ceramics there, and Primm is involved in archiving his work. **Betsy Thorne Bultman** and husband Phelps made their annual springtime trek from their South Carolina home to their New Hampshire farm and their autumnal return. Conni ended her suite report by saying she can’t believe she and Bonar made the 750-mile trip back and forth to the Bultmans’ so many times “in our youth...like only three years ago!”

In Palestine, Texas, **Katherine “Kate” Mayo Schmidt**’s brother and sister-in-law visited from Hampden Sydney, Va. They were joined by her sister from Huntsville, Ala. Bill Jr. and wife Terri came from Albuquerque, N.M., for an Easter visit, and Kate anticipated spending Christmas at their home. After 70 years of contract bridge, Kate recently learned to play duplicate bridge and planned to participate in a July tournament.

Elizabeth “Betty” Fischer Gore of Fairfax, Va., still swims. She took a May trip with sister Mary, who spent a year at Mary Washington in 1947, before transferring. They visited Mary’s daughter in Holley, N.Y., and took a boat ride along the Erie Canal.



Frances Houston Layton attended her cousin's May wedding in Fredericksburg during UMW's Commencement Weekend. Perhaps you noticed pictures of the traditional procession, where several graduates wore mortarboards perched on the backs of their heads, one corner pointed skyward. Mrs. B. must be spinning!

Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons and **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly** had a May luncheon gabfest in Lynchburg, Va. Marion said **Esther Reece McVeigh** suffered a small stroke in April and, with daily therapy at Westminster Canterbury Health Care, was getting better. Marion said Westminster took good care of its residents during the power outages and oppressive heat. She and husband George made their annual trip to New York City, toured the newly revitalized American wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and visited the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. During their stay, granddaughter Katie came from Poughkeepsie to have dinner with the Kellys, who attended her Boston wedding last December. The newlyweds were to move to Australia for Katie's husband's job as an engineer with the world's biggest mining company; they expected to be there for at least two years.

After the windstorms, **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** of Lexington, who was without power during triple-digit heat, traveled two hours to stay with daughter Cathy. After her near-death experience in January, B.B.'s doctors are happy with her progress. She looked forward to a repeat performance of last year's successful four-piano Christmas sing-along.

On Virginia's Eastern Shore, **Judy Stone Johnstone** and Bob put their Melfa farm on the market and moved into an Onancock retirement apartment. The first of their grandchildren married in June, another was to follow in October, and Judy and Bob hope for great-grandchildren soon. **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** spent her gorgeous May birthday without water at her

Delaware home but prepared to weed and trim. The spring weather there was odd – hot by day, freezing at night – and she was still using an electric blanket.

Because of extreme heat in Bristol, **Lucy Vance Gilmer's** family postponed her July birthday celebration, and her friends rescheduled a cookout in her honor. One of Lucy's Virginia Intermont College "daughters," whom she and late husband Sherman mentored as church parents when the girls

Greetings from the students who entered the State Teachers College in Fredericksburg in 1937. The next year we became Mary Washington College!
– Lois Loehr Brown '41

were students in 1967, visited earlier in the year. Another spent Memorial Day with Lucy, helping her place flowers in cemeteries in memory of family members. Lucy feels blessed to have good friends in Bristol. She visited her sister-in-law in a South Carolina assisted living home and is grateful she can still drive more than 300 miles in one day. Lucy received a birthday note from **Barbara Trimm Wright** of South Hill, Va., who's active and healthy but was recovering after a stint in the ER. Barbara stays in touch with **Alta Towe Fogelgren** of Virginia Beach and **Helen "Bebe" Lowe '48**, who moved into a Delaware assisted living complex. Alta and her husband of more than 60 years winter in Florida and are widely traveled.

Dolores "Dee" Ross, a retired educator who maintains strong ties with our alma mater, faithfully attends the annual April luncheon for scholarship donors and Heritage Society members at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, meeting and visiting with recipients. **Erma Whitaker Bockoven** and husband Fred also represented our class again this year. As Fabulous Forty-Niners, we're proud of our six classmates who have endowed scholarships and are Heritage Society members. Four of our classmates who are no longer with us also were Heritage Society members, so our class has a total of 10

established endowments. We also have the Class of 1949 scholarship for designated donations. With no contributions made for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the total remains \$49,837.88, with another award to be made to an incoming freshman next year.

An April information meeting in Irvington, Va., drew a good turnout of area alumni. Director of National Alumni Engagement **Cynthia Snyder '75**, longtime director of alumni relations, is responsible for forming new

alumni chapters in areas not already represented. She brought the group up to speed on changes since their days on Marye's hilltop. Dee

felt Cindy had a good response for the proposed new Northern Neck chapter. Before the meeting, Dee hosted a brunch for Mary Washington friends. She also hosted UMW President Richard V. Hurley and wife Rose when they were in Kilmarnock, Va., in May and called the Hurleys "a delightful couple." Dee attended the Colonial Downs races, until excessive heat caused cancellations. When the storms struck Kilmarnock, her recently installed backup generator provided comfort for her and her four-legged companion, Joe. Dee planned a two-week trip to Europe in September for a river cruise to Amsterdam and a two-day stay at the Greenbrier in December with her bank group.

Our heartfelt thanks to those who responded to our plea for news. As ever, love to each of you from both of us.

1950

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Let me hear from you, so we can have news for each printing.

I toured New Mexico, visiting White Sands, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe. While there, I tried contacting **Patti Head Ferguson**, but she was away in Florida and Bermuda. Her son, Scott, and his wife visited her en route to Fiji, where they were to work for a few months. After living with his

family in Virginia and Kansas, her older son was asked to head a consortium of colleges and universities in Dubai.

Because she has difficulty standing for long, **Carol Bailey Miller**, a Cumberland, Va., planning board member, gave up her horseshow judging and stewardship duties and can enjoy being a spectator.

1951

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Hello, classmates! I'd love to hear from more of you!

I keep in touch with **Sarah Herring Estes** and **Ruth DeMiller Hill**. Ruth heard from **Winnie Horton Brock's** daughter, Sherry, who married Dale Holzhausen, a missionary from Russia. The family planned a July reunion.

Betsy Fletcher Adams' husband, Bill, passed away in May. **Jane Zeigler Lifsey** hasn't been able to attend reunions. Her husband passed away in 2008, and she moved to Westminster Canterbury in Richmond. She visits son Bill, who has three children and a granddaughter, in Rock Hill, S.C. Jane's daughter, Mary, lives in Richmond and also has three children. Jane keeps in touch with **Dorothy Gravatt Hunter** and sent news of the June death of **Elizabeth Bunnell Bauder**, who is survived by only child Page Wharton Bauder. "Bunny" was yearbook editor and received the Jefferson Cup at graduation. She won several awards during 40 years at Thalhimers, was involved in the community, and was passionate about children's education, the arts, and creating a progressive city.

Lorraine Frantz Foulds passed away in July. She toured as a dancer and worked briefly for the CIA after graduation. She was an activist in Northern Virginia, the first community liaison for Media General Cable, and a leader in the Northern Virginia Swimming League. Later, she was a tax preparer for H&R Block for more than 20 years. Lorraine is survived by sons Carter and Eliot, daughter Susan, and four grandsons.

1952

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During Reunion Weekend 2012, we went to classes, saw the renovated Monroe Hall, had a sumptuous Friday night dinner hosted by UMW President Richard V. Hurley at Brompton, and joined other alumni Saturday evening for wine, dinner, and dancing at the Tennis Center. We talked to UMW undergrads, who were eager to hear about our Fredericksburg days, Mrs. Bushnell, dining hall protocol, and dress codes.

Gwen Amory Cumming and **Rita Morgan Stone** did much of the planning. My husband and I met up with **Carol Edgerton Cooper**, **Pat Leech Benton**, and **Weege Attianese Harlow**. **Maryanne Heatwole Cox**, **Betty Jefferson Blaisdell**, **Betty Jo Braithwaite Gayle**, **Susan Jurgens**, **Nancy Straughan Russler**, and **Bettie Willard Wiltshire** didn't have far to travel. We sat on Ball Circle Saturday with **Ann Staylor Johnson**, **Joyce Long Moore**, and **Phyllis Webb Pegram**. It was sad for me without my twin sister, but many friends spoke of memories of her.

Thank you, Mary Washington, for bringing us all together.

1953

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In April, Lindsey wed James, 52, who'd never been married, at Keswick. We met in-laws from as far away as Seattle and New Hampshire. The next day our kids celebrated our 60th anniversary. The younger generations partied that night, while Bub and I escaped to the quiet bedroom in the big rental house. The next week, we left for a Gettysburg tour. In May, our second daughter, Kim, was diagnosed with stage-three ovarian cancer. After her second chemo session, she hurried to the maternity ward, where, just as Kim arrived, her daughter gave birth to Harper Rhodes Woodward, Kim's first grandchild and our first great-grandchild!

Peggy Hopkins Johnson, who stayed in Fredericksburg and still lives near campus, is a charter member of Mary Washington Elder Study. She's active in church, plays bridge, and is often on the road. During Reunion Weekend, she went to Jepson and celebrated the Class of 1952's 60th with them. **Betty**

Thank you, Mary Washington,
for bringing us all together.
— Corley Gibson Friesen '52

Raynor Pittman's husband had an "amazing recovery" after a hemorrhagic stroke last fall. Grandson Tommy graduated from Charlottesville High School and planned to attend UMW. Betty celebrated her 80th at Michie Tavern.

Garnette Bell Crawford and her husband, who retired as Salisbury University president and helped strengthen the athletic program, are still involved with the school, celebrating its recent national men's lacrosse championship. Garnette attended a summer family reunion with cousin **Carol Ann Boyes** and Carol's husband, Bill. My family also now supports Salisbury, since granddaughter Madison of Ellicott City, Md., is a student there. We looked forward to a fall visit.

Ginny Bailes keeps in touch with **Betty Anderson Buck**, who traveled to Peru and climbed to the Temple of the Sun. **Nell McCoy Savopoulos** and I visited Kay Toe Laer in Boynton Beach, Fla., one summer when Kay was our suitemate. Peggy Hopkins and my then-future husband also came. Kay was the sixth person crammed into the 1958 Hudson on the return trip! Nell has been dealing with chronic health problems, but she counts her blessings. Mike is in great shape.

Ginny Poole Kinniburgh returned with John to Mary Washington to audit a meeting chaired by then-BOV Rector **Daniel K. Steen '84** and was a guest of President and Mrs. Hurley for a dinner and lecture.

Ginny and John had dinner in January in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., with **Kitty Garland Obenshain** and Ray. Since then, Kitty had been ill but was home, receiving therapy, and looking forward to a complete recovery.

Jean Kimball Gray built a house on Kentucky Lake in 1995 and lives alone there with an assortment of dogs. Her youngest daughter was killed in 1992, and her surviving four children, except for one in Georgia, are nearby. Jean has seven grandchildren and two greats. She was a kindergarten teacher, church organist, and health care facility owner. She plays tennis and has traveled extensively, visiting places like Iceland, Australia, and Egypt. Jean lives near **Martha Lyle Pitman**, who married biology teacher W.J. Pitman. Jean stays in touch with **Joan Collins**.

Barbara White Ramer was born in Fredericksburg and lived just blocks from UMW until moving to live with daughter Robyn, son-in-law Todd, and two grandsons in Georgia, where she works with students with learning differences. She worked with **Peggy Hopkins Johnson** in Fredericksburg public schools and went to high school with **Betsy Dickinson Surles**.

Doris Lindsay Whitfield moved to Raleigh, N.C., in 2010 to be closer to family and downsize. She misses being near

Doris Lindsay Whitfield '53 misses her work with UMW Ecology Club students. She recalled that ecology students helped the city and Sierra Club build Alum Springs Park.

campus and her work with UMW Ecology Club students who interned with the Rappahannock Sierra Club. Doris was chair, and they coordinated environmental programs. She recalled that ecology students helped the city and Sierra Club build Alum Springs Park. Doris swims, reads, watches birds, and volunteers with kindergarteners and children who need individual attention.

Each time I send news requests, more return as "undeliverable." Please go straight to your computer and send me your current address!

1954

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1955

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I'm still looking for news, so email me.

My granddaughter graduated from high school in June. She stayed with Neil and me for ninth and 10th grades. Since she went back to her San Leandro, Calif., school, I've missed her and learning the new slang, music, and fashion. When she was in ninth grade, I saw her leaving for school and asked if she was wearing thongs. She paled and asked why I wanted to know. I replied, "Because, I really don't think they are good for your feet." Who knew the shoes we called thongs had morphed into underwear?

Marian Minor's brother, who is married to **Frances Brittle Minor**, fell on the steps while getting medicine for Frances and broke seven vertebrae. As of March, he'd had two surgeries and was still in rehab. In addition to helping them, Marian completed a book

about the Minor family, finished renovating the 1795 Minor home in King and Queen, Va., sold the home place, and worked the past five years with the King

and Queen Historical Society. Marian majored in physical education; taught, coached, and refereed for 35 years; and earned a master's degree.

Bad weather kept **Sally Hanger Moravitz** and Fran busy at their cottage. Fran is a member of the Jefferson Society, and he and Sally attended a reunion at U.Va. Sally planned to go to the Sacred Dance festival at Hope College in Michigan and on a September cruise with Fran to Danube.

Centenarian Swims Into the Record Books

When **Marie Krafft Kelleher '35** attended Fredericksburg Teachers College, now the University of Mary Washington, students had to learn how to swim before they could graduate. That wasn't a problem for Kelleher, who grew up in Alexandria, Va., spending lazy Sundays at nearby beaches and summer afternoons at the city pool.

With nearly a century behind her – her 100th birthday is Dec. 21 – Kelleher is a record-setting swimmer who claimed two national titles this spring. She rises before dawn several mornings a week to squeeze in some laps before heading to work as board chairwoman and corporate secretary of the company she started with her late husband, Mike Kelleher.

When she was in college, the Lee Hall pool, immaculately modern when it was built in 1927 with its fancy filtration system and tile-lined walls, became a harbor for Kelleher. But when she climbed into the passenger seat of her father's car in 1931 to first see the campus, she wasn't sure where she was headed.

The 19-year-old soon found herself face to face with Nina G. Bushnell, dean of women. Kelleher would spend much of the next four years trying to please the famously strict dean, who demanded appropriate attire, pristine manners, and punctuality. But that Friday, Kelleher wasn't fazed, and Bushnell allowed her to start classes the following Monday.

"She was a good person," Kelleher said of Bushnell. "She was perfect for the job. She was strict, but that's what you needed with a bunch of girls. She had to lay down the law and demand we keep to it."

When Kelleher wasn't in the water, she spent time in her Willard Hall room, where a picture of her then-beau caused quite a stir.

"Everybody came to see it. He was a handsome man," she said of her husband of 67 years. Together they raised their late daughter, **Marie Kelleher '63**, and sons Joe, Pat, Ed, and Frank.

Kelleher put the relationship on hold, though, while she was in school, focusing instead on her studies. And she soon learned a valuable lesson.

"I had some good professors and I loved them," she said. "But the more I did the teacher thing, the more I realized I wasn't cut out for it."



Dave Holland

At nearly 100 years old, Marie Kelleher knows how to make a splash. This spring, the soon-to-be centenarian established new U.S. Masters Swimming national records in her age group. When she was at Mary Washington in the 1930s, she swam in the state-of-the-art Lee Hall pool, built in 1927.

Still, her college experience and skills led to jobs with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the American Cancer Society, and Easter Seals. She found her real niche in 1968 when she began balancing the books for Kelleher Oil Heat, which she and Mike started. Today, 10 years after his death, the company has more than 30 employees, including two of the Kellehers' sons, and it also specializes in air conditioning, electrical, and plumbing services.

It was later in life, too, that Kelleher, a Virginia Senior Games competitor, hit her stride in the pool. She began to compete in her 60s and became a record-setter even later. In May, she established new U.S. Masters Swimming national records in the 100-to-104 age group in the 50 free and 100 free events.

She swims to stay fit, she said, not for titles. "Records are meant to be broken. If somebody swims better than I do, more power to them. I love it!"

– Lisa Chinn '92

Anne Lou Rohrbach Culwell was enjoying a great-great-grandbaby and traveled through the Chunnel and to London and Paris. **Patricia Seitz Hartel** works in real estate, enjoys her grandchildren, and was accepted in the National Society DAR. **Joan Kleinknecht** said the extreme heat got to her. One of **Diane Farans Green's** grandson's birthday is July 4. His older sister is a junior at the University of Connecticut. Diane, who also has an 11-year-old grandson and a 9-year-old granddaughter, has been a real estate broker since 1970. She'd been less active due to illness but was getting better every day.

The summer 2012 *UMW Magazine* featured a story on **Hettie Cohen Jones**, whose life and accomplishments have been extraordinary.

1956

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I'm writing this from sketchy notes while out of town, so please excuse omissions. A UMW alumni office reminder prompted these replies. I'm depending on you for coming issues. You could add me to your Christmas/Hanukkah card list.

I planned to visit my late husband's family in Maine and Massachusetts in August with my sons and grandchildren. **Mickey Foley McDaniel** and **Tim** of Atlanta have one son and his family, and four of their six grandchildren, in the area. Mickey does ESL work in the Hispanic community and planned a June humanitarian trip to Honduras.

Angela Walton Barksdale, **Beth Poteet Pollard**, **Connie Hook Felvey**, **Ann "Stokey" Scott**, and **Turner Christian Richardson** attended their 60th Thomas Jefferson High School reunion in Richmond last April. Turner and Connie visited homes and gardens in Fredericksburg and Lancaster County during Virginia's Historic Garden Week. **"Red" Rosanelli Metzger** lives in New Hampshire from spring to fall and visits Italy yearly. **June Ann Tingle Buie** took a June British Isle cruise. She spent two April days with **Barbara Strangmann Hiscock**, after sightseeing in Washington and Virginia.

Ginny "Mabel" Fisher Ward, whose grandson is a plebe at the Naval Academy, recalled her many trips there while at Mary Washington. She and her husband of 55 years of Providence Forge, Va., planned to visit their soccer goalkeeper in Annapolis. **Otelia "Tillie" Westbrook Harris** and her husband of 53 years, Allen, retired 22 years ago; they golf, travel, and participate in church and civic activities. **Joan Tenzelius Wunderlich** and fiancé Stu took a June Rhine River cruise. Joan, who has 10 grandchildren and four greats, attended a granddaughter's Long Island wedding.

Suzanne Borke Grasberger and Tom have four children and nine grandchildren, and hope to attend a grandchild's high school graduation for each of the next six years. Their oldest granddaughter is a senior social work major at JMU. Another graduated from high school in June and is in a program for special needs youth at George Mason University. Grandson Matt finished a Rotary International exchange program in Brazil and was to start college in a George Mason computer technology honors program.

Hope to hear from you all soon.

1957

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Thanks to everyone who sent news. Without your input, there would be no column!

Mahlon and I move more slowly, but we have quality lives and laugh a lot! My former roommate, **Ann Humphreys Howard**, who was visiting husband Bob's brother in Northern Virginia, called me. They enjoy retirement in Florida and planned to join extended family at the Howard lake house in New Hampshire in July.

Joyce Bristow Wrestler couldn't attend the reunion. Her husband has a blood disorder and was undergoing treatment. They had to cancel his dream trip to Australia and New Zealand. **Nancy Hallett Guest** couldn't attend the reunion because she had knee replacement surgery.

Ellen Hertz Hewitt and Charlie didn't visit Europe this year. They couldn't come to the reunion because they were at a Nashville timeshare. They

Carol Lehmann '58 is a member of the Women Gardeners of Ridgewood, N.J., and her garden was on the Secret Garden tour.

were to spend a July week in Massanutten with their son and his family.

After not having seen her former roommate, **Barbara Morton Williamson** of Chapel Hill, N.C., for more than 50 years, **Jean Durham Busboso** and husband Buz hosted her for a June weekend, and they toured the UMW campus.

Peggy Gray Williams sent the sad news that **Joanne Insley Pearre** died peacefully at home with her husband by her side in early August. Joanne, whose father was a professor of chemistry at Mary Washington, had long lived with Alzheimer's disease. Our condolences to all.

After moving to Hendersonville, N.C., **Susan Bender Trotter**'s husband died in February, and Susan is sorting things out. Deepest sympathy, Susan.

The committee for our class did a splendid job organizing our 55th reunion. There were 14 of us, and **Elizabeth "Libby" Fordham** was the group's backbone. What follows was among her sentiments. The reunion went off with few hitches, thanks in great part to the Alumni Association staff. The Friday evening rain caused a venue switch from the Brompton lawn to the Tennis Center, but trolleys took everyone to Seacobeck for dinner. Wind on Ball Circle made it challenging to decorate our Class of '57 tent, but we did and won second place. A handful of us braved the Saturday night reception at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center and were proud to be named the class with the highest giving participation in the Race for the Eagle! The establishment of the 1908 Society for alumni who graduated more than 50

years ago was announced, and we were first to wear the pins. President Hurley listened to stories from our campus days and answered questions about future plans. Next time you're in Fredericksburg, plan to see the renovated Randolph and Mason halls and other changes – and ask if golf-cart service is available!

Please send news. God bless, Joan.

1958

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In 2013, the Class of 1958 will celebrate its 55th reunion. We are now members of the new 1908 Society. Please share fond memories – or things you didn't care for – from the 50th reunion and what you'd like to see at our 55th. We also need to think about hotel arrangements.

I scheduled a July hip replacement and learned a lot about the process. **Carol Lehmann** is a member of the Women Gardeners of Ridgewood, N.J., and her garden was on the Secret Garden tour.

Suzanne Borke Grasberger '56 plans to attend a grandchild's high school graduation for each of the next six years.

1959

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Lucas is 3 and is going to be tall like his parents and Granddaddy Tom. He's still a no-nap kind of boy, and his newest interest is maps. Grandma's pride is boundless.

Jane Tucker Broadbooks and John attended a spring conference and stopped in Richmond for barbecue. Jon Karl of Springfield, Ill., left newspapers and is director of communications for the Illinois Association of Realtors. Tucker is in high school. Jane wrote that, after an April house fire, **Jo Neal Hendricks** was getting things back in order. **Molly Bradshaw Clark** winters in Florida.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers and Don are well. Irene ran into **Edie Weber Staib**, who was visiting her children and grandchildren, and looked forward to an October visit from **Kay Rowe Hayes**, who's battling Lyme disease.

I read an article about **Martha Huffman Wood**, an activist with the VEA/NEA-Retired organization for educators, who received the first annual district service award. Instrumental in creating VEA-Retired 20 years ago, she is secretary/treasurer, and has held other posts, including president.

Let me hear from you.

1960

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We love bragging about classmates, whose accomplishments are the legacy of Mary Washington. Fifty-two years after graduation, we are in our 70s and still making our mark. We're living proof that what's learned at Mary Washington makes a difference. It's time to start thinking about our 55th reunion in 2015. Put it on your calendar!

Sherry Farrington Green visited Ecuador in March with her daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren, who were on a sabbatical in Cuenca. She hiked at 14,000 feet, making her question how she did Kilimanjaro and Everest Advanced Base Camp not long ago. She fenced well this year and hoped to maintain her third-place ranking at nationals and be on the U.S. team in Austria in October. **Nancy Cleaves Blaydes** and her husband visited their oldest daughter's family in Amsterdam and traveled to the Netherlands. They took a two-week river cruise, saw castles and cathedrals, and ended in Vienna. **Gray Schaefer Dodson** sent a picture of son Chip on the cover of *Virginia Farm Bureau News* magazine. Chip runs a seafood business with his daughter on Virginia's Eastern Shore.



This spring **Liz Hill Heaney** visited family and friends in Park City, Utah, where Bob and their daughter skied. They put their North Carolina home on the market and

were looking at New Jersey homes near their daughter.

Karen Larsen Nelson took a May RV trip

to Florida to celebrate the graduation from a two-year college of one granddaughter, who will continue in elementary education, and the high school graduation of another granddaughter, who will attend the Savannah College of Art and Design on a full scholarship. They took a scenic route back to Arizona, through the Florida panhandle, along the ocean on Big Bend Highway, stopping in Mobile, Ala., to tour the battleship USS Alabama.

Jody Campbell Close met **Bonnie Davis Hall** and husband Ross for lunch during their Florida sojourn. Jody and Bonnie spent quiet moments remembering **Deborah Mallett Cressall**, with whom Bonnie had remained close. Jody attended her daughter's surprise 50th birthday party on Mother's Day in Washington state. Her daughter then surprised her, visiting her Florida home. Jody stays busy with genealogy research and her dog. Her grandson was an ambassador at this year's Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. **Pat Voelker Donnell**, who spent most of her adult years in or around Houston, is a member of the Delphians, which sponsors college scholarships for underprivileged young people. Last year Pat visited Crete and Spain, then cruised from Barcelona to Rome. Pat and Jody grew up in the metropolitan corridor of Washington, D.C., attended American University, and were practically neighbors for years without knowing it. Both were divorced (Pat has remarried, Jody hasn't) and developed careers working for engineers, and their children attended Texas colleges.

Jude Wandell Potter quilts, makes dresses for girls in Africa, and travels in their plane and on military space-available flights. **Iris Hall Newton's** son, Conley, known as Tip, passed

away in June from an aggressive cancer. Iris makes crib quilts, bibs, and baby items. She stays in touch with **Billie Bushong Boyd**. **Jane Fransen Kirn**

Sherry Farrington Green '60 visited Ecuador in March and hiked at 14,000 feet.

survived Kentucky's spring tornados. **Nancy Carruthers Meeker** plays golf and bridge; she and her husband belong to a Bonita Springs, Fla., beach club. Their youngest of three, daughter Patti, lives at the other end of Florida's "Alligator Alley." Nancy flew to California for two grandsons' college graduations. **Tucker Freeman Vicellio** and John celebrated their 54th anniversary in June. Seven of their eight grandchildren and two of their daughters are with them in Charlotte, N.C. They play tennis, and Tucker gardens and is involved in church. She's in touch with **Cary Tilton Doyle** of Richmond, who was in her wedding and is godmother to one of her girls.

Syd Collson Chichester took a cruise through the Panama Canal and Caribbean islands with **Renee Levinson Laurents '61**. **Patty Morgan Connelly** made her annual trip to Florida to see Syd, and they visited **Gay Hall Sullivan**, who lives nearby. Last winter Syd mentored at the high school, helped a woman in the Vero literacy program, read and played games with migrant farm children in central Vero, and volunteered at the Environmental Learning Center. Syd and Gay volunteered to help with therapeutic riding classes in Fredericksburg. She helped years ago when her daughter's last horse "retired" there after his MWC intramural show days.

Sandy Poole of Maryland volunteers at church and leads prayer groups. **Tina Baensch Raver-Meltesen** spent her birthday with family and friends. **Carolyn Rolston Rourke** planned to move to a smaller home in Surry, Maine. **Joyce Jeffries Kendall** loves reading about classmates. **Martha Butler**

Lebovitz attended the Houston high school graduation of her granddaughter, who received the outstanding female senior award. Both granddaughters will claim the University of Texas as their alma mater. Martha plays tennis and spent two weeks in Spain with her sister visiting Barcelona and Madrid. **Jean Eubanks Holland** went to Bethany Beach, Del., this summer with her daughter and family.

Our class shares news monthly, and last spring we shared memories of faculty members who made a difference in our lives. **Janet Garriss Lewis** remembered librarian and history professor Carrol H. Quenzel, who called us by name and knew where we were from without ever meeting us; art professor Gaetano Cecere; and biology professor William A. Castle, who taught us about Ginkgo trees. She said campus is still beautiful, wondered if there are still heated sidewalks to Willard, and remembered spring sunbathing at the bottom of a dry swimming pool.

Betty Wagstaff Storms remembered cramming for anthropology in the French House kitchen and **Mika Bergman** talking in Russian to her family on the phone. Economics and business administration major **Pat**

Polly Updegraff Champ '61 worked wardrobe in April for the national tour of *Fiddler on the Roof* and in June for *Riverdance* in Hartford, Conn.

Voelker Donnell had lots of classes with James Harvey Dodd, who wrote the book they used. Jody remembered psychology professor Eileen K. Dodd, who was an excellent role model. She remembered her intelligence, dignity, wit, and the gardenia pin she wore on her '30s-style suit. **Iris Hall Newton** recalled classmates' help with notes so she could keep up with classes while recovering from surgery; Dr. Dodd's kindness, when she brought a small Christmas tree to Iris' hospital room; and English professor Reginald W. Whidden's gentlemanly manner.

We love hearing about what's going on with classmates, and sending birthday greetings has brought lots of feedback. We'd love to communicate with you more than three times a year. Send us your email address or write or call with your news (and your birthday).

1961

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From Connie: Life these days is dictated by my pulmonary fibrosis and lack of stamina, even with oxygen 24/7. I might qualify for a lung transplant, basically the only cure, and was to spend a week in July having tests to see if I can tolerate the procedure. I had recent visits from **Janie Riles** and from **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** and Clarence, who lost electricity and stayed with son Andrew after the freak June storm in the Washington, D.C., area. We spent the last week of June at the Booth family reunion at the

Highland Lake Inn in Flat Rock, N.C., with my immediate family of six, sister **Barbara "Linkey" Booth Green '63** and brother Bob and their families, and five grandchildren, ages 5 to 13.

One of my freshman roomies, **Carlotta Croghan Clark**, has had minor health problems but still plays doubles tennis. She and Pres were home in Annapolis for summer and were to return in October to their Fort Myers, Fla., condo. They also have a Bethany Beach, Del., townhouse often used by their children and four teenage grandchildren. Virginia's poet laureate, **Kelly Cherry**, received the inaugural Rebecca Mitchell Tarumoto Short Fiction Prize at VCU in March. Kelly's award-winning story, *On Familiar Terms*, was selected by the editors from fiction published in *Blackbird* in 2011. She is the author of 20 books of

fiction, poetry, and nonfiction, as well as chapbooks.

Bev Carlson Shea's grandson, Eric (Heather's son), visits them in Bethlehem, Pa. He took ice skating lessons and Bev, who couldn't resist tying on her old skates, fell and broke her wrist. **Carolyn Crum Pannu** spent Memorial Day weekend with **Renee Levinson Laurents** in Culver City, Calif., and saw *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, which reminded Carolyn of trips to India years ago. They visited with Renee's friends and toured the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Carolyn lives in a studio apartment near daughter Kara in San Francisco and knits, reads, and does crossword puzzles. Grandson Alex of Texas is an enthusiastic student and athlete. **Eleanor Knight Jensen** and **Cliff** took a May cruise from Barbados to Monte Carlo, Monaco, and stayed in Nice for five nights.

Peggy Howard Hodgkins had a great time in Omaha. **Judy Youngman Wigton** and **Jim**, who recently attended a Berkshire Hathaway meeting, have wonderful friends, a beautiful home filled with art, and a Scottie dog. **Charlotte Howard Austin** couldn't visit, since a large tree had fallen in their yard. For **Peggy** and **Art** and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom's** first time in Omaha, they were introduced to Dairy Queen Dilly Bars, See's lollipops, and Borsheims jewelry, and they visited art galleries and the botanical gardens. **Peggy** visited **Pat Scott Peck** in Miami in March and in San Antonio in April, when they spent a day with **Aggie Welsh Eyster** at her cousins' ranch. **Peggy** also went to Athens, Ga., to visit **Jean Ryan Farrell**, who planned a May OAT trip to China. **Babs Buse Johnson** came from Washington in June to visit **Matte McCeney Campbell** and the **Farrells** at their second home on Lake Lanier, outside Atlanta. They hadn't been together since our 50th Mary Washington reunion.

Without her MWC education, **Jerri Barden Perkins** wrote, she wouldn't have received her M.D., achieved an NIH fellowship, and married a Harvard man. They were blessed with three children and an amazing life. When **Cal** died in 2009, **Jerri** established four scholarships in his honor and offered their art collection to the University. She was featured

in a recent UMW Heritage newsletter. **Gene England Simons** attended **Anne Jinkins Bird** and **Harry's** 50th wedding anniversary in Maryland. **Ellen Gotwalt Willing** and **Bill** returned home in April after three months in Naples, Fla., where they had lunch with UMW President **Richard V. Hurley** and wife **Rose** at a February alumni function. They met other alumni, including **Ruth Conroy '42**, who plays percussion in the Naples Concert Band and whom they now visit at intermission.

Barbara Ashley Firesheets' mother died in February, and **Babs Buse Johnson's** mother, **95**, died in March. Our sympathy to you both.

From **Renee**: I visited **Syd Collson Chichester '60** at her Vero Beach, Fla., winter home, then went with her on a Western Caribbean and Panama Canal cruise in March and April. We boarded the *Zuiderdam* in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and ports of call included Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas and Costa Rica, where we visited an animal sanctuary at the edge of the rainforest. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in June and had a lumpectomy in July. The doctor got all the breast cancer but found cancer in two lymph nodes that required a second surgery. Pick a four-letter word, and that's what I have to say! Please get yearly mammograms. If I hadn't, the outcome could have been a lot worse.

Nancy "Pepper" Jacobs Germer and hubby **Hank** visited San Miguel de Allende in central Mexico in April and attended their grandson's fourth birthday party in Houston in May. **Pepper** came out of retirement to work part time for friends who opened a jewelry store in Jonesboro, Ark., in May. They attended **Pepper's** 55th high school reunion in Richmond in June, and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and **Art** hosted them in their James River home. The **Germer's** visited **Pepper's** childhood friend and her husband at their Duck, N.C., beach cottage.

So far, chemo was working for **Marcia Minton Keech's**

husband, **Bill**. They still love Savannah, Ga., visit their children and grandchildren in Virginia, and welcomed sixth grandchild **Landon Christian Keech** in February. **Donna Henninger Henderson** and hubby were to travel from Troutville, Va., in July on Amtrak to San Francisco, where they were to sightsee and attend major league ball games with their daughter and son-in-law. **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** and hubby **Stuart** hadn't been able to travel because **Stuart** was still in pain nearly three years after a knee replacement; a March arthroscopic surgery showed little scar tissue. **Mary Hatcher** attended an April family reunion in northern Florida and visited South Lake Tahoe. She traveled to Newport News, Va., to help **Diane Todd's** 96-year-old mother, who suffered a heart attack two days before the death

traveling, they were in Fort Lauderdale from December through June and San Diego through December.

Polly Updegraff Champ, president of women's fellowship at Church of the Palms, and **Dan** of Delray Beach, Fla., play doubles tennis. Their Palm Beach County Comfort Doll Ministry donates locally and internationally to police departments, childcare agencies, and homeless shelters. **Polly** worked wardrobe in April for the national tour of *Fiddler on the Roof* and in June for *Riverdance* in Hartford, Conn. She also took care of **Dan** and her sister-in-law after surgeries.

Eleanore Saunders Sunderland broke her ankle in April but helped a friend in Jacksonville, Fla., move and visited Canaan Valley, W.Va., with twin **Judy Saunders Slifer**.

The two planned a May cruise from Budapest to Bucharest, and **Eleanore** expected to be with her children and grandchildren at her home for Christmas. **Kay**

Slaughter, who graduated from law school at U.Va., where she teaches a course, and daughter **Margaret McNett** were involved in the successful effort to reinstate U.Va.'s first woman president, **Teresa Sullivan**. **Sue Wilson Sproul** was in Virginia during the fire in her hometown, Colorado Springs, and her neighborhood was evacuated. Husband **Dave** slept in his car and took pictures. **Ash** covered everything in their home, but many neighbors weren't as fortunate.

Marcy Trembath Pitkin planned a September Adriatic cruise that included a few days in Italy. **Elizabeth "Bitsy" Wright Coxe** was in NYC for Easter and went to the opera, Central Park, and an Easter service at St. Thomas Episcopal. **Pat Scott Peck** and **Carolyn Crum Pannu** planned an October cruise beginning and ending in Barcelona.

Jerri Barden Perkins '61 said that without her Mary Washington education, she would not have received her M.D., achieved an NIH fellowship, nor married a Harvard man.

of **Diane**, one of **Mary's** best friends since they were Hampton High School seniors with fathers stationed at Fort Monroe, Va.

From **Lynne**: **Sandy** and I took a three-week trip to London, a cruise on the Baltic, ending in Copenhagen, and continue to enjoy life in New York City and Litchfield, Conn.

In spring, **Jim** and **Carolyn Spell Robertson** attended **Jim's** 50th dental class reunion at MCV, where **Carolyn's** freshman roommate, **Becky Turner Perdue**, was inducted into the Hall of Fame. **Janie Riles** visited **Connie Booth Logothetis** and **Andy** in Wilmington, N.C., where she saw her goddaughter, **Elaine Logothetis Jack**, and family and was impressed with **Elaine's** green building supply store, **Sapona**. **Janie** and **Jim** took a May OAT trip to Morocco, arrived in Casablanca, visited major cities, traveled across the Atlas Mountains, and experienced the Berber culture. They camped in the desert, visited nomads in their tents, rode camels, and shopped in the souks. When they weren't



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Jonathan and I had a mini-reunion in Fredericksburg with **Mary Russell** of Laurel, Md., **Ally Eckenrode Alkire** of Ashburn, Va., **Cynthia Whitaker Finnely** of Holly Springs, N.C., and **Sally Sutherland** of Crozet, Va. Jonathan and I planned our annual trek to the Jersey Shore in August with the children and grandchildren and to visit Washington state in September, Cape Town, South Africa, in November, and Vermont for Thanksgiving.

Nancy Slonim Aronie teaches her *Writing from the Heart* workshop at Esalen Institute in Big Sur, Calif., and at holistic institutions and has conducted writing workshops on Martha's Vineyard for 18 years. Her book, *Writing from the Heart*, is in its seventh printing. Their 38-year-old son, Dan, died two years ago from complications of MS. Their other son, Josh, owns Saltwater Café on Martha's Vineyard. **Ann Reardon Crowley Rowe** and husband Mack live in Madison, Va., near Charlottesville. Annie does some ghost hunting, is writing a novel about a local haunted house, and sells books on Amazon. Annie wrote that **Charlotte Hudson** died last fall. Sue, as she was known to family and friends, lived at Cameron Glen Nursing Home in Reston, Va. **Nancy Pida Remmers** of Palm Coast, Fla., participates in art shows at local galleries. Daughter Debbie placed third for a color monotype in a recent competition.

Sue Bentley Varn of coastal South Carolina, a retired hospice nurse who left Mary Washington to attend nursing school at U.Va., has six grandchildren with her retired

physician husband. **Bonnie Smith Wescott** of Virginia's Eastern Shore planned to visit Europe for a Baltic Sea cruise. She retired in 1999 as director of elementary instruction in Spotsylvania County, does ballroom dancing, is active in the garden club, and has

Ann Reardon Crowley Rowe '63 does some ghost hunting. She is writing a novel about a haunted house near her home in Madison, Va.

two grandchildren. **Lynne Kolarsey Blair** of Blue Hill, Maine, retired from *Wooden Boat* magazine. She worked at the Maine Maritime Museum and another museum in Bar Harbor, and she volunteers at the food pantry. She and her husband have two daughters, one of whom is **Sarah Blair Reeves '90**.

This column is by and for you. I'd love to hear from more of you. Have a wonderful end of the year.

1964

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I celebrated my 70th birthday with close friends, colleagues, and family. I planned to work this summer on writing lectures in art history and literature for the Greenwich, Conn., adult education program, which I direct. I still work at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich. **Sally Crenshaw Witt** and I planned a June mini-reunion in NYC, but Sally welcomed Henry Clay Witt, her and Sam's first grandchild, and I shared their joy vicariously. Sally had a spring reunion with **Barbara Humphries Davenport**, **Sue Rogers Burton**, **Becky Spears Wright**, **Joanne Crockett**, and **Helen Vakos Standing**.

Betsy Churchman Geary; **Monie Argo Plueger** of Vass, N.C.; **Dottie McDowell Smith** of Pinehurst, N.C.; **Peggy Morgan Tarr** of Columbia, S.C.; and **Linda Rudd Davis** of Salem, Mass., had a spring

mini-reunion. They lunched at the home of Dottie and her husband, retired Adm. Leighton Smith, had dinner in Vass, and shopped in Seagrove, N.C. Betsy, her husband, and the Davises visited the Smiths' condo in the Boone, N.C., mountains and lunched with them in Blowing Rock. **Betty Gregory Wickersham** of Bakersfield, Calif., couldn't join them but planned to head east for her mother's 100th birthday at Foster's Castle, the Richmond-area home where Betty grew up.

Carolyn Ginsberg and I discovered we'd worked within a few miles of each other – she in Stamford and me in Greenwich, Conn. – for years. Carolyn divorced in 2000 after 33 years of marriage. Her three daughters and three grandchildren, ages 5 and younger, live nearby. Carolyn works in administration and adjunct teaching at the University of Connecticut, practices meditation, and designs small-scale drawing projects. Like me, she loves living close to NYC and its galleries and museums. We planned a July dinner in Stamford.

Barbara Ioanes lives in Washington, D.C., across the street from the zoo. **Anne Liady Lynch** has lived in Phoenix for 40 years. Daughter Betsy of Phoenix and her husband are architects and parents of Teagan Mae, 4. Daughter Caroline of Washington, D.C., is chief counsel to the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Daughter Stephanie earned a doctorate in physical therapy from VCU and moved to Peru for a yearlong volunteer position. Anne retired in 2007, but her husband still practices law. They planned trips to Arizona's White Mountains and Coronado Island, off San Diego. Anne is active in DAR and serves on boards, including Maricopa County Parks and Recreation and the Arizona State Board of Accountancy.

We love hearing from you! Keep healthy and happy.

1965

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I enjoy life in Atlanta and want to play as much tennis as possible before my knees give out and I turn to duplicate bridge. I visit my grandchildren in California, and we planned an August family vacation at Big Sur before my son was to be deployed again to the Middle East. He was to be gone again this year for Thanksgiving and Christmas and miss the February birth of his third child. My daughter was to have another son in November, and I planned to visit to help with her 2-year-old.

Mary Lou Skeeter Murray, **Lee Smith Musgrave**, and I had our annual mini-reunion in Virginia Beach in April. Mary Lou travels to wherever her Navy husband is stationed but enjoys beach life too much to give up their home and move. Lee visits her grandchildren, does craft projects, and plays duplicate bridge. **Agnes "Missy" Bush Shives**, **Sonja "Toni" Algren Schuyler**, **Kathy Tuttle Birnbaum**, and **Sandra Fields Seymour**, suitemates sophomore year, had a May reunion in the Shenandoah Valley. They stayed at Massadoah, an old farmhouse near Woodstock, Va., on the North Fork of the Shenandoah River, owned by Kathy and 10 other partners. They reminisced, shared recent chapters of their lives, hiked, bird-watched, and visited Girl Scout Camp May Flather, where Kathy, Toni, and Missy worked during summers at Mary Washington. They ended up at Kathy's house in Herndon and drove into Washington, D.C., to visit the Martin Luther King Jr. and Franklin Delano Roosevelt memorials.

Margaret "Meg" Cobourn John said that, after much therapy, **Trudy Kitchin Kohl**, who fell in spring and had surgery on her neck and spine, went from not being able to move anything to being able to feed herself; she has movement in both legs and can straighten her fingers. **Barbara Hagemann Hester** and husband Ben planned to visit Meg and Kenny in July and go together to their daughter's in Travelers Rest, S.C. They all plan a mini MWC reunion with **Barbara**

Wohlfeil Weatherall and Joe of Ashville, with one missing from their junior-year suite – **Bev Boudreau**. **Caroline Smith Parkinson** retired from full-time parish ministry and moved to Richmond with husband Jim. She is on the board of the John Marshall Foundation and teaches at St. James's Episcopal Church, does pastoral calling, and coaches clergy and parish vestries and search committees.

If you've retired, please send your new email address so I can keep sending unedited news.

1966

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Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann and **Jana Privette Usry** drove to Fredericksburg in May for the UMW College of Education's second annual Educator-in-Residence presentation on the Stafford Campus. They ate lunch at FOODÉ restaurant and stayed overnight at the Kalnen Inn at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. Bobbi took a June photography class to increase her proficiency with her new camera. She also started taking yoga and saw **Eleanor McJilton Thompson** at a class. Bobbi attended a July mini-conference at UMW and got a private tour of the newly renovated Mason and Randolph dorms. A mural with scenes from the Rappahannock, York, and James rivers designed from a faculty member's photos covers the walls of the connecting tunnel. The complex has seminar rooms, group study rooms, Wi-Fi everywhere, and hall lights on motion sensors. Bobbi was already planning the next MWC Lunch Bunch meeting and reading Geraldine Brooks' *March*, about the absent father from *Little Women* during the Civil War.

Ginny Bateman Brinkley and husband Bill met Roger and **Ryan Stewart Davis** in April in Maui, where Ryan and Roger enjoyed an extended stay. Ryan was completely healed after last August's auto accident and subsequent surgeries and rehabilitation. Ginny's son, Scott, and his family joined them, and Ginny and Bill shared favorite

holiday spots with several grandchildren. They visited Oahu, the North Shore, and the Volcom House and spent time with surfing legend Peter Cole, a former coworker of Ginny's and one of the original Hawaii surfers. At 81, he still surfs! Ginny's latest book, *EarthQuest, a Story of Life, Love and the Pursuit of Red Meat*, has received good reviews. Ginny's mad scientist uncle began the story and put it aside. Ginny found it after he moved to a nursing home, and she and another writer finished it and had it published. Ginny thanks all who promoted it.

Cathe Cantwell Luria received a national award at the June convention of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in Orlando, Fla., and sent copies from the photo shoot for posters, articles, and magazine covers. **Linda Mitchell Spiers** of Collinsville, Conn., hoped to finish her doctor of ministry degree by summer. She was an adviser for a June ecumenical mission camp for high schoolers in Hartford and chaired the Connecticut deputation to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in July. She vacationed with friends at Rehoboth Beach, Del., and visits her mother and stepfather in Alexandria, Va.

Sue Rogers Gilmartin '72 is in superb shape and put us all to shame on the dance floor during Reunion Weekend.

Linda Spangler Berkheimer spent her usual two weeks in North Carolina's Outer Banks in June and visited **Mary Parsons Black** and **Annette Maddra Horner**, who both live in Elizabeth City. They, in turn, visited Spang's timeshare, where **Karen Berkheimer Morton '95** and **Betsy Bowen '79** joined them. The five of them did a rousing rendition of the MWC fight song in the beach club parking lot. Last November Spang and husband

Phil visited Egypt and Jordan between demonstrations and toured the museum in Tahrir Square. In August, she and Phil entertained Charlie and **Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner** at home in Frederick, Md., for golf and Maryland cuisine. Mary K hoped to dine at one of *Top Chef* Bryan Voltaggio's restaurants there.

Samantha Stepanov-VandenBerg '14 met with members of the Class of '66 for help with her "U.S. Women's History Since 1870" class, taught by **Jeffrey McClurken '94**, chair of the UMW history and American studies department.

Carolyn Eldred visited Canadian cousins she hadn't met before in Toronto in July, planned to attend her 50th high school reunion in summer, and hangs out with the folks at WAMU, the NPR station of Washington, D.C. **Lynn Smithey Campbell** is retired and spends time with family and grandchildren. **Kathleen Goddard Moss** and husband Tom visited their daughter's family in Spain last Easter. Kathy and sister **Eileen Goddard Albrigo** care for their parents, who are in an assisted living/nursing facility. Kathy took a June trip to California, where she and Tom cared for their 2½-year-old grandson. **Yvonne March** of Tampa visited her son in Westerville, Ohio, for his 43rd birthday and traveled in July to Italy, visiting the Amalfi Coast and Sicily.

Yvonne and Chris attended an August Ferree family reunion in Pennsylvania, stopping along the East Coast to visit family and friends.

Joan Cuccias Patton spent an extended Memorial Day weekend with her siblings on Mobile Bay in Alabama, continuing the tradition their father initiated years ago of giving the "gift of themselves," without any spouses or grandchildren. Joan attended her 50th high school reunion in June in Coronado, Calif., and visited friends in Tucson, Ariz. She spent a week in North Carolina's Outer Banks with her children and grandchildren

and attended an extended family reunion in California. **Sally Souder** and **Gerry Sargent Habas** met in St. Petersburg, Fla., in May to celebrate Gerry's birthday, lunching at a Tampa Bay restaurant and laughing over reunion photos sent by **Anne Clagett**. Sally, Gerry, and **Patti Bergin Bergman** were

enthusiastically dancing and waiting for an invitation from *Dancing With the Stars*! Sally monitors sea turtle nests and said a mild winter and early spring resulted in

more nests and eggs. **Susan Roth Nurin** is in love with her home city, New York. Central Park blooms outside her window, the subway stops at her doorstep, and she finds affordable ways of attending activities and performances. She's met ballet and opera stars, including Plácido Domingo and Mikhail Baryshnikov.

In March, several classmates convened at the Fredericksburg restaurant, FOODÉ, to discuss a project of the U.S. Women's History Since 1870 class, taught by **Jeffrey McClurken '94**, UMW associate professor and chair of the history and American studies department. The class was challenged to research college life as experienced by American women, decade by decade. **Samantha Stepanov-VandenBerg '14** focused on the '60s and contacted **Barbara Bishop Mann** to solicit participation from our class. Some classmates answered questionnaires, and seven of them met with Sam, whom **Anne Meade Clagett** said is enthusiastic. **Jana Privette Usry** brought old photos and MWC memorabilia. The rest of the group added to the thoughts **Lois Rucker Scott** had put in writing. **Dianne Twiggs Wentworth** said they discussed changes that occurred during our four years at Mary Washington, including the end of sit-down dinners at Seacobeck and the beginning of men being allowed to visit dorms on Sunday afternoons. **Sheila Denny Young**, **Kathy Goddard Moss**, and **Joan Cuccias Patton** agreed it was an interesting project, and Sam referred everyone to Internet links and blogs created for it.

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After 25 years in Chicago, **Sarah Nabstedt Barnes**, who had a long career in health care and hospice, and her architect husband moved to San Diego three years ago. She does sumi-e, or Japanese brush painting, and takes long walks. She visits her grandson, born on St. Patrick's Day, in Richmond. **Florence Bishop** of Richmond retired from the classroom after 39 years teaching high school social studies in Henrico County and is VCU's supervisor of student teachers. She serves on the executive board of the international organization of women educators Alpha Delta Kappa, volunteers in the church office, reads, and travels.

Susan Church Dillon and husband John, **Jane Wolfe Stilmar** and husband Ben, **Joan Hughes Ryan** and husband Doug, **Susan Wolf Shults** and Porter, and **Linda Todd "Toddy" Puller** were together at our class reunion and planned a future dinner. They met in Fairfax in July, when Susan and Porter visited their son and family in the area. Susan and John live in Oxford on Maryland's Eastern Shore and volunteer in the community. John retired as vice president and chief lobbyist for Bell Atlantic/Verizon, and Susan retired after 16 years as head of The Country School's upper school in Easton. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Meghan is in St. Louis, Lindsey is in Washington, D.C., and Brendan is in Philadelphia. John is chairman of the hospital board. Susan is a trustee for the Gunston School, and she reads, cooks, and dabbles at golf.

Sue Spencer Collins of Birmingham, Ala., has been married 42 years to internist and geriatrician Mike Collins, who still practices in retirement homes. Sue worked in Mike's office as a medical technician, office manager, bookkeeper, and insurance clerk. She retired at 50 with a torn ankle tendon. They have two married daughters, two grandchildren, and a "grand dog." **Mary Mac Blanchard Harris**, a legislative assistant for a delegate at the Virginia General Assembly, planned to retire after the 2012 session and

pursue community volunteer opportunities. This year their third grandchild was born to son Sam, and daughter Kelly was married in Austin. When Mary Mac visits her daughter, Emily, in Richmond, she sees roommate **Helen Callaham Hutter**, and she had a great time during reunion at dinner with **Mary Lou Murphey Lee**, **Connie Burkhart Goggin**, **Sue Wolf Schults**, **Susie Church Dillon**, **Jane Wolf Stilmar**, **Linda Todd "Toddy" Puller**, **Joan Hughes Ryan**, **Ellie Frith Peters**, and **Jane Howard**.

Mary Diggs retired to Bethlehem, Pa., after a 34-year career in education as a high school English teacher and an alternative high school administrator. She's divorced and serves on the Northampton County Election Commission and on the boards of Rotary International in Bethlehem and a Northampton County political group. She visits family in Missouri, Wisconsin, California, and Norway. She reported that **Donna Robertson Thomas** and **Irene Bartlett Lape** are healthy. **Vivian Crater Gray** of Hockessin, Del., a pharmaceuticals consultant, vacationed with her four grandchildren at the family home in Orange, Va. Next year she plans to visit a cousin in Ecuador. **Marcia Hileman Clark** taught 35 years and retired from Maryland's Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

Laurie Newman DiPadova-Stocks is dean of Park University's Hauptmann School for Public Affairs and was temporarily serving as dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. She and husband Hugh Stocks live in Parkville, Mo., on the Missouri River. Together, they have six children, 16 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, all west of the Mississippi River. She and Hugh traveled to Turkey and Australia, and visited family in Virginia. **Cheryl Tate Duke** and her husband live in the Fredericksburg area and have a son and daughter. Their 42-year-old son was born with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and has depended on a ventilator for the

better part of 22 years. Heavily involved in disability rights advocacy, Cheryl is president of W.C. Duke Associates, a consulting company specializing in the Americans with Disabilities Act. She publishes access information for Virginia and maintains a disability travel portal, both projects of the nonprofit organization The Opening Door. Her hobbies are website development and genealogy.

Iris Harrell '69 spent two nights – one of those alone – on the ground without tents during a mid-July wilderness trip with 24 other CEOs from Silicon Valley.

Nancy McDonald Legat and her husband of 45 years, Dan, are retired and spend time with their three daughters and sons-in-law and seven grandchildren, all of whom live nearby. Dan and Nancy exercise, "dog-sit" their "grand dogs," volunteer, read, and are involved with church. **Mary Akers Braverman** and husband Richard, a retired dentist, had lived 42 years in Rochester, N.Y., but recently moved to Charlotte, N.C., to be near older daughter Lisa Scott and grandsons Oscar and Quentin, ages 9 and 5. Younger daughter Jill lives in Boston. Mary planned to retire this year as an accountant for a commercial photographer and graphic design firm.

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The featured article in last spring's *Heritage* newsletter was on **Betty Olander Adams**, who is giving back to the institution she feels gave her the foundation to meet her life goals. She and Alec, her husband of 43 years, have provided through their estate plans for a full-ride Alvey Scholarship for out-of-state UMW students. Betty had a successful career in insurance, but decided to attend law school just before her 40th birthday and received her law degree

in 1990 from the University of Baltimore. She and Alec met while she was at Mary Washington and he was at U.Va. They established the Adams & Adams law firm in Howard County, Md., where they've been partners for 22 years; manage their 19th-century, 63-acre farm and two Arabian horses; and serve in the Blue Ridge Arabian Horse Association. Betty is commissioner for the Attorney Grievance Commission of

Maryland and is active in her church, the American Bar Association, and the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility.

Donna Cannon Julian and **Jean Polk Hanky** wrote that **Katherine "Kat" Caffee Gompf's** son, Mike Jr., passed away suddenly in March. Our condolences go to Kat and husband Mike. Kat was Donna's roommate freshman and sophomore years. Kat's daughter, **Meredith L. Gompf '99**, was a star Mary Washington softball player. Jean's roommate, **Beth Stewart Coleman**, helped Jean shop for dresses for the weddings of two of Jean's granddaughters this year. Jean's grandson plans to marry next Fourth of July at the Hanky home in White Stone, Va., and her youngest granddaughter, age 3, visits often in Richmond.

Trent Costley Clark sells real estate in the Destin, Fla., area. **Gloria Gibson Shelton** saw the *Picasso to Warhol* exhibit in April at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, where she visited **Pidge Williams Walden's** widower, Danny, and daughter Kate and her family. We all miss Pidge. Gloria went to Beech Mountain, N.C., in July for her annual girlfriends' weekend at the home of **Sidney Robins Lockaby '71**. **Kathy Fowler Bahnson '66** is also in the nine-woman group. They hike, shop craft shows, and attend concerts in the park.

Lou Myers Daly's son, Will, and his sculling partner, Andrew Campbell, almost made it to the London Olympics. Will participated in the Olympics in Beijing, where Lou and husband Andy cheered him on. **Iris Harrell** is planning a



mid-July wilderness trip west of Lake Tahoe with 24 other CEOs in Silicon Valley. They were to hike to a mountaintop as a group and spend two nights on the ground without tents, one of those alone, away from team members. The goal of the trip, sponsored by the American Leadership Forum, is to learn to be better leaders and include the community in efforts to shape and embrace the future. Iris' company, Harrell Remodeling, has 46 employees and is 37 percent employee-owned. Her goal is for it to be completely employee-owned when she retires on her 70th birthday. Her company remodeled **Phyllis Newby Thompson's** home, and she expected the project to win awards. Iris and partner Ann Benson celebrated their 33rd anniversary with a golfing weekend in Monterey.

Jeanine Zavrel Fearn of Fairfax, Va.; **Anne Witham Kilpatrick** of Greenville, S.C.; **Suzy Bender Winterble** of Yorktown, Va.; and **Toni Turner Bruseth** of Austin, Texas, have been best buddies for 47 years and had an April reunion in Nashville. They visited historic homes, art galleries, and restaurants. Toni led at an "Official Croning Ceremony" that Jeanine said was hysterical, charming, and touching. Toni and husband Jim's award-winning book, *From a Watery Grave*, tells of the discovery of French explorer La Salle's ship, *La Belle*, in the Gulf of Mexico south of Texas. Jim retired as the Texas Historical Commission's chief archeologist.

Patti Boise Kemp wrote of Mason and Randolph halls, which were gutted and renovated in time for this fall's students. The small porches off the main level and the sunbathing "beach" over the tunnel were enclosed and turned into conversation and meeting rooms. The suites and bathrooms were redone, and there's a mural in the tunnel beneath the dorms. Many of us have reminisced about living in Mason and Randolph. To hear those stories you'll have to attend our 2014 reunion.

Please let me know what you did on summer vacation, so I'll have some news for next time.

1970

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Rochelle Hirsch sent news of the death of Nikola Nikolic, UMW professor emeritus of physics, which also was reported in the summer *UMW Magazine*. I took his class senior year, and he was never boring. I'll always remember his smiling face, booming voice, and thick accent. Condolences go to his family.

After falling and fracturing a bone in his left foot, my husband, Ted, had worn a walking boot since last June. He had surgery for spinal stenosis and a pinched nerve in his neck, was recovering, and hoped to get rid of the boot in August.

Helen Kim '70 flew to Portland, Ore., to visit **Linda McNaughton '69**, who runs her parents' pear orchard.

Gaye Gregory Elliott and **Stephen** have been married 30 years. **Ellen Grace Jaronczyk** hikes with a Williamsburg group and attends cultural events at the College of William and Mary. **Helen Kim** attended a May American Society for Mass Spectrometry meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, then flew to Portland, Ore., to visit **Linda McNaughton '69**, who runs her parents' pear orchard.

Please let me hear from more of you.

1971

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1972

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Hey, there! I hope you all survived the summer's heat waves and storms.

The 40th reunion was one of the best! It was fabulous to reconnect, and the Kalnen Inn party seemed to bring back cherished memories for those who lived at Trench Hill. We mourned those we've lost and

missed those who couldn't attend, but our memories are bright, and all were with us in spirit. As always, the weekend was over too soon.

My job at the law firm keeps me busy. The Inner Harbor was packed during the city's Sailabration to honor the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, and the 27th-floor office offered a perfect view of the Blue Angels and tall ships. It was nostalgic to pass on my "Hon" crown, but it went to the winner I would've chosen. Dennis and I joined Dave and **Cheryl Prietz Childress** for the annual Fort Frederick, Md., colonial re-enactment, where their costumes were great and their button business did well. Cheryl attended part of the reunion, and we spent an afternoon in downtown Fredericksburg.

Sue Rogers Gilmartin was in my music survey class freshman year. She dabbled in several careers, including teaching and tutoring, before becoming a certified personal trainer and opening a fitness studio with a friend. Unfortunately, it didn't survive the economic downturn. She and husband Neil, an AT&T systems engineer, met in Atlanta, where they live, and have three children, ages 25 to 29. Daughter Heather works with the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., son Chad is in real estate in New York, and youngest Casey studied in Tulane and lives in Salt Lake City. Sue is in superb shape and put us all to shame on the dance floor during Reunion Weekend.

Hope to hear from many of you in the coming months. Keep safe.

Mary Sue Warner Weimer '73 and **Susan Jacobius Davis '73** have traveled to every continent.

1973

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I'm excited to be our new Class Agent. It was great to hear from so many of you, and I look forward to more updates. There are 320 members of our class,

and I hope to hear from everyone throughout the years.

When I retired two years ago from an information technology career, Rod had already retired, so it seemed the house shrunk and we kept running into each other. Here in rural New Kent, Va., we're active in our church and enjoy fishing and kayaking. For the 15th year, we flew our 1946 J3 Piper Cub to Lock Haven, Pa., in June for the annual Sentimental Journey for pilots who enjoy flying the vintage aircraft. Our Yellowbird is the basic flying machine with no electronics and minimal instrumentation. We cruise along at 70 mph, with cars below going faster.

We have dinner monthly with friends from Rod's high school class, including **Carolyn Collins Vass '69** and husband Randy of Richmond's Short Pump area. A beach trip was planned to celebrate Carolyn's 65th birthday this fall. We spend time with my sister, **Grace Hines Sorey '70**, and husband Bill, kayaking, touring wineries, listening to jazz, and visiting Bill's Norfolk, Va., home place in Ocean View. Their friend and neighbor, **Margie Baker Dowe '56**, still golfs and plays bridge, and our families enjoyed a Memorial Day cookout on her front porch, where three of us had special connections through Mary Washington. For more than 25 years, Rod and I have celebrated the New Year, birthdays, and other events with **Virginia Davey Addison**, a Baylands Federal Credit Union mortgage loan officer, and her husband of 35 years, Will, of West Point, Va. They have two daughters and two granddaughters.

Mary Sue Warner Weimer and **Susan Jacobius Davis** have traveled to every continent. Since our last reunion, Mary Sue visited Asia, South America, and Europe, and Susan visited India, Australia, New

Zealand, Egypt, and Jordan, and cruised the Mediterranean. They traveled together to Norway, Russia, the Galapagos, Machu Picchu, the Greek Islands, and Turkey. Susan's daughter, Amy, a Virginia Tech graduate, began a job with Disney in Orlando and a double major in hospitality and

event planning at the University of Central Florida. She and Susan walked a Disney World 10K in 2009. Susan did three half marathons in 2010, walked the 39.3-mile WDW Goofy in 2011, and since has done at least nine half marathons.

Kathy Gardner Walker, a retired elementary school principal, and husband Charles live in Quinton, Va. She works with a Colorado-based publishing company, assisting schools with program implementation. Sister-in-law **Debbie Walker** of Fredericksburg, a retired elementary school teacher, travels, gardens, and reads.

As a follow-up to a spring 2012 magazine entry, **Duke Price** passed away in 2010 after a massive heart attack. He is survived by wife Ingrid Kampinga, daughter Danielle Price, son William "Bill" Price, and grandchildren Allison and Matthew Price.

Kaye Carrithers, a pre-nursing student who transferred to VCU's School of Nursing, moved with then-husband Rick Beale wherever the USMC directed until they settled in the Richmond area in 1976. They were married 10 years and had three children. In 1991, Kaye earned an MPH with an emphasis in epidemiology from VCU. Her second marriage was to Thomas Meeks, Virginia State University professor emeritus of economics. Kaye has five grandchildren; enjoys traveling, genealogy, drawing, and watercolor painting; and is writing her memoirs.

American studies major **Debra Branham Coffey** was homesick for Mary Washington after graduation and began studying art history in graduate school. Compared to Mary Washington's academic excellence and free spirit, she said, that school seemed like "a repository for zombies." She married and homesteaded in isolated country for more than 11 years until her husband's new job led to a more conventional life. They lived in Poland, and they homeschooled their three daughters. Debra supports conservative political causes and alternative medicine, loves to garden, and substitute teaches. One daughter teaches

Chemist Creates Films' Ambiance



Hennert Holmann, ASC, AMC

Beverly Wood uses her background in chemistry to bring filmmakers' visions to life on the big screen. Executive vice president of technical services and client relations for Deluxe Entertainment in Los Angeles, Wood recently worked her visual magic on the latest James Bond film, *Skyfall*. In nearly two decades with Deluxe, she has helped put the finishing touches on a myriad of movies, including *True Grit* and *The Hours*.

crowd of Hollywood elite. "I got a standing ovation."

Perhaps no one was more surprised Wood was there than she

When James Bond needs the latest in high-tech gadgetry, he turns to Q.

And when the cinematographer for the latest Bond film needs technical advice, he turns to **Beverly Wood '78**.

Wood, executive vice president of technical services and client relations for Deluxe Entertainment's digital arm, EFILM, was on her way from Los Angeles to London recently to help director of photography Roger Deakins put the finishing touches on *Skyfall*, the 23rd and latest Bond film.

It's hard for Wood, 56, to describe the behind-the-scenes magic she and her colleagues specialize in. But you can see it for yourself in the moodiness of *Seven*, the old Western-style patina of *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*, and the deep blacks and crisp look of *The Man Who Wasn't There*, just a few of the thousands of films she and her team at Deluxe have worked on.

The Man Who Wasn't There – shot in color but transferred to black-and-white reels by Wood's crew – earned Deakins a best film award from the American Society of Cinematographers in 2001. He was in the middle of shooting another movie, so he sent Wood to the awards ceremony in his stead.

After Wood read the speech Deakins had prepared for her, she added a thought of her own.

"Who would've thought a little black girl from Virginia would end up in this room?" she asked the

was. Raised on a farm in rural Southside Virginia, she'd come to Mary Washington to study biology and pursue a career as a medical technologist.

Instead, Wood graduated in chemistry and, after earning a master's degree at the University of Georgia, she all but decided to take a job with an oil company in Texas. But one last interview, with Kodak in Rochester, N.Y., changed her life.

Wood ultimately accepted a job with Kodak's motion picture division. She moved to California to work with movie laboratories, fixing everything from radiation fog to pressure marks on film. The job combined her chemistry expertise with her people skills.

"I didn't want to be a mad scientist for the rest of my life," she said, laughing. "I like outside stimulus to stimulate my thinking and how I look at a problem. Analytical chemistry taught me how to solve a problem, no matter what kind of problem it is."

Wood has been solving problems for filmmakers big and small at Deluxe for almost 20 years. Her job often entails listening to filmmakers describe what they want a movie to feel and look like and then applying her technical skills to deliver that vision.

"It's not about me. These people entrust their images to me. I help them make sure their vision is intact from beginning to end," Wood said. "They already know what they want. I just help them get it."

– Edie Gross



at a university, another is an artist, and the youngest went to school in the mountains of the Northwest. Debra often thinks of Professor of American Studies Glen R. Thomas, Professor of Philosophy Kurt Leidecker, Professor of English Donald E. Glover, and Professor of Education Ray Merchant, as well as the Monroe Hall murals.

During summer, **Janet Hedrick** of Alexandria was the eastern regional major gifts officer in Cody, Wyo., at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. She planned to move to Cody if her interim director of development position became permanent. Janet and **Sharon Richmond Janis**, innkeeper at the Delaware Inn at Rehoboth Beach, get together each Thanksgiving and volunteered to be on our 40th class reunion committee.

Dale Cole Carter of South Bend, Ind., retired from a 30-year IT management and consulting career and helped her mother through a health crisis. She launched an information and consulting business serving adult children of aging parents, created the ADAPT framework for caregivers, published *Transitioning Your Aging Parent: A 5-Step Guide through Crisis & Change*, and speaks nationally. She and husband Bill travel and visit children and grandchildren across the country. Dale and **Kris Overstreet Helms** plan to attend our 40th reunion.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue. Look in *Class Notes* for due dates, and save May 31 through June 2 for our reunion weekend. If you haven't signed up to receive UMW email updates, please do. If your email address changes, remember to update UMW and me.

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1975

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Our son, Ian, and wife Vickie expect their first child, our first grandchild, in December. After a quarter-century in southern California, my husband, Gene, and I planned to move to Pinehurst, N.C., where we'll be closer to family. I hope to continue my part-time Weight

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Watchers career, maintain my involvement with an American Association of University Women book club, and practice tai chi, Pilates, and Zumba.

Carol Ekern Connors and husband Paul of McLean, Va., have son Brendan, a U.Va. School of Law graduate and Virginia Bar Association member. Carol is director of government affairs at the Washington, D.C., energy law firm Mogel & Sweet. She held a 16-year senior staff position at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, representing them before Congress, addressing constituent concerns in areas like natural gas transportation and hydroelectric power facilities, and much more.

Nicki Hutton LoCascio, associate dean of the Marshall University Honors College, was named interim dean in June. **Barbara O'Brien** is director of global expense management and sourcing for Manulife, a division of John Hancock Financial Services, in Boston. She paints in oils and en plein air, travels to Mexico a couple times a year, is on the steering committee of the New Hampshire Star Island Conference on the Arts, spends time in her Maynard, Mass., ArtSpace studio, and had a recent piece on exhibit at Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House in Concord.

Kim Ballard has master's and doctoral degrees in curriculum

and instruction with an emphasis in learning technologies from the University of Minnesota. An instructional designer for the University of Minnesota's College of Continuing Education, she helps professors translate courses to online environments. She designed an award-winning German I course, won an international award for her dissertation's contribution to distance education research, and spoke at a May Center for Transportation Studies conference. Kim has daughters Anne and Amy and grandson Aiden, all of Minnesota. She visits her parents at the Jersey Shore, where she's vacationed for 34 years.

After FEMA called **Elizabeth Wright** for help with the Irene/Lee tropical storm recovery effort in Albany, N.Y., she was deployed in July and wasn't sure when she'd return. She said helping the community heal makes the long hours worth it. She also was asked to assist in an effort of the national survey of bicyclists and pedestrians in Alexandria, Va. **Lina Scott Woodall** and Jon's daughter, Sarah, is pursuing a master of tourism administration at George Washington University's School of Business and was selected by the Greenland Tourism and Business Council for a four-month research internship.

Thanks to everyone who submitted news. I look forward to receiving more!

After 32 years of federal service, Pam Staples Piasecki '79 retired in June from a Naval Intelligence career that included trips to Bahrain and lunch at the White House.

1976

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Deborah Peel Spidle was promoted to director of EMV solutions for Paragon Applications Systems in North Carolina and was accredited by the Smart Card Alliance. She was to do EMV training and consulting in the U.S. and Latin America. She traveled this

year to Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Missouri, Maryland, and Puerto Rico. **Becky Adams Mauck** and husband Newby became grandparents in June when daughter Cabell gave birth to Layne Elizabeth Bailey.

Alison Haworth Regan's husband, Don, took a year off from his Colorado National Monument park ranger job, and they planned to fly or travel in their RV to Yellowstone, the Galapagos Islands, the Amazon region, and Wyoming. Alison planned to attend the annual needlepoint retreat in Texas, then go with Don to a Formula One Grand Prix race. Alison's mom, 85, lives nearby, as does **Helen Taylor Salter**. They hope to get together with **Mary Gillis Garwood '62**.

Diane Pearson Cotter retired after 35 years teaching kindergarten and first grade in Spotsylvania, Va., and became a grandmother when daughter Meghann gave birth to Patrick James Conner in February. **Sandra "Sandy" Nelson Smith's** three children finished college. Her older son teaches English in Korea and is opening a restaurant in Seoul; her daughter is a Washington, D.C., attorney with a 3-year-old son. Sandy and husband Randy enjoy their sailboat and anticipated a Father's Day visit from all three children.

Kathleen Chapman, a Mesa, Ariz., school district speech and language pathologist, and husband Michael Hushek, who works for the family business, Phoenix Heat Treating, live in Tempe and celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in Las Vegas.

Son Nicholas Chapman-Hushek earned a law degree from Arizona State University and married Allison. Daughter Emily, a caseworker for mentally ill adults, graduated from the University of Arizona and was to begin a master's degree program. Kathleen's mother died in 2010 and is buried with her husband in Arlington National Cemetery. Kathleen still corresponds with roommate **Nancy Sparks-Cresswell** of Oregon.

Cathy Briggs lives in Tallahassee, Fla., with daughter

Let us hear from you!

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MARCH 15	SUMMER
JULY 15	FALL/WINTER

Rebecca, who attends community college. Cathy works for National Forests, and she kayaks, hikes, and camps with friends. **Sarah Raynor Coleman** is married to Michael ("Mick") and works for Turner Sculpture. Children Mike of Richmond, who is married, and Elizabeth, who's pursuing a teaching certificate, graduated from college. **Marge Schlemm Sidman** splits the year between Fort Myers, Fla., and their Cape Cod home. She and her husband, who is retired, planned to bike Tuscany in the fall to celebrate their 30th anniversary. Marge worked 10 years as a physician assistant in Boston and retired to be a homemaker and equestrian, riding, training, and showing. They have two sons, ages 25 and 23. One works in social media marketing in San Francisco. The other plans to teach English in South Korea after teaching a year at a Boston nonprofit. Marge's freshman year roommate, **Daphne Johnston Elliott**, and husband John were heading to Sunnyvale, Calif., to get son Jay situated before beginning work there as a software engineer. Marge's other freshman year roommate, **Sue Smith Hane**, has seen more of **Mary Carroll Myers** since they moved to Morrisville, N.C. Sue and her husband of 32 years, Tom, a fly fisherman, enjoy visiting the North Carolina mountains. Sue, Mary, and **Sharon Reel Fuhrmeister** take an annual weekend retreat. Sharon is a new grandmother to daughter Krista and husband Jonathan's son, Everett Carl Mueller. Sharon plans to sell her house and renovate the condo she bought.

Marsha Blosser Barley is retired after teaching music for 34 years in Winchester

Public Schools. She works part time at Coldwater Creek and was to join the Shenandoah University adjunct faculty, working with music education students. Daughter Elizabeth, a Bridgewater College graduate, has three part-time jobs. **Carrie Bell Jacobus** has two married daughters and a son who may marry next year. She has a master's degree in chemistry, teaches high school chemistry, and was working with other teachers on an AP chemistry lab book and a college-level organic chemistry text. She choreographed the school musical and creates art in mixed-media fiber. She and her husband hike out West and spend summers at Chautauqua Institution in New York.

Teresa Childers Peterson '83 completed an Iron Man competition.

Sue Sendlein Luscomb finished a seven-year commitment on the executive board of the Tennessee state chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic organization promoting women's education, and was state president last year. Sue volunteers at the Memphis VA hospital. Daughter Alicia is married and in graduate school. Younger daughter Ashton is renovating her house. **Nancy Smith** of Richmond retired from Henrico County Schools, where she supervised the program for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Involved in conservative grassroots politics since 2008, she began an effort to promote voting in the 2012 presidential election. Husband Thom Helsel is a small business owner and cyclist. Daughter Meredith, 26, a Longwood University graduate, works for Northwestern Mutual Financial Services. Rebecca, 21, a James Madison University senior, is a marketing intern.

Marcia Richards Suelzer lives in the Chicago suburbs, has worked for a legal publishing company since she stopped practicing law, and is pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling. Her husband enjoys fishing, Civil War re-enacting, and playing guitar. Their son

is a Washington, D.C., data administrator and spends lots of time in Costa Rica. Her older daughter graduated from college in May, married three weeks later, and was to teach with an AmeriCorps group. Their younger daughter, in high school, is interested in psychology. **Marti Taylor Clements** lives in Maryland with her husband of 30 years, Mark. Son Rob, 25, works in Baltimore; Geordy, 23, finished his first year in medical school; Tom, 21, graduated from Gettysburg College; and Alex, 19, finished his Naval Academy plebe year. Marti does high school dance choreography, teaches dance, and is active in her church and community. She keeps up with **Jan Biermann** and **Carolyn Roberts**.

Kate O'Driscoll Hilburn of Louisiana got an MFA in photography and moved with her husband to the country, where she has a studio in their 120-year-old house. Her exhibit, *Beating Hearts: Stories of Domestic Violence*, includes writing and art. Daughter Jenny is a veterinarian in Kansas. **Cathy Colbert** attended her 40th high school reunion in Honolulu and planned to visit **Candy Rossell Baunsgard** in Montana, where Candy's daughter and son-in-law own a river rafting company.

Madelin Jones Barratt, her husband of 34 years, Henry, and their family attended son William's December 2011 marriage to Susanna Guo in Shanghai. Daughter Ellen teaches second grade. Anna, 17, a high school senior, attended the summer Governor's German Academy. Elizabeth, the older daughter of Madelin's freshman year roommate, **Hannah Patterson Crew**, married and returned to Hanover County, Va. Younger daughter Emily finished college and was preparing for the CPA exam. Hannah works for the state, and husband Todd raises bees and oysters.

Please keep the news coming! It's great to hear what's going on in your lives.

1977

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I love it when the alumni magazine comes out and I hear from someone I hadn't for a while.

After 32 years of federal service, **Pam Staples Piasecki** retired in June from a Naval Intelligence career that included trips to Bahrain and lunch at the White House. Son Kyle graduated from high school in June. Pam and her husband of 30 years, Larry, plan to sell their Vienna, Va., home and live by the water in Fort Myers, Fla. She'll be close to **Terry Souza Beck** of Plantation, Fla., but will miss **Laura Buchanan Bentzen**. Their families took a cruise together a couple years ago, and they met with Terry before heading home. Pam spoke to **Craig Howie '81** of London, who attends the Royal Opera and was recently visited by **Patrick Everett**. Pam would love to hear from the underclass girls who lived in Virginia Hall her senior year.

1980

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Lisa Nichols lived in Mali and was interviewed in April on NPR and PRI about the refugee situation there. Son IJ Diakite joined UMW's Class of 2016. Lisa was to move back to the U.S. in August and work from Abt Associates' home office. **Vicky Wilder**'s youngest daughter, Maggie, attends UMW and was in Riverside Center's *Anything Goes*. Middle child Tori graduated with honors from UMW. Friends of Dance helped produce the February Sonja Haydar Scholarship fundraiser, *For the Love of Dance*, along with the company of Kathy Harty Gray, a dance professor during our Mary Washington years. Her dance suite, *Grant Us Courage... Grant Us Peace*, was inspired by her three NYC firemen brothers who were at Ground Zero.

Problem Solver Tackles Network Security

In 1977, **Stephen Northcutt '81** left his job as a U.S. Navy helicopter search-and-rescue crewman and headed to Mary Washington to study geology. Today, he is a leading expert in cyber security.

The career path wasn't obvious, but Northcutt excels at seeing – and seizing – opportunities that others don't. He spent the last 12 years as CEO of the SANS Institute, a cooperative research and education organization he helped launch in 1989. SANS – an acronym for “systems administration, networking, and security” – offers information-security training and certification.

If a professional receives SANS Institute's rigid Global Information Assurance Certification, it means he has high-level skills in one of more than 20 branches of security and development.

Today, Northcutt's focus is developing the SANS Technology Institute, a Maryland-based cyber security graduate school that offers master-of-science degrees in information-security engineering and management.

“In my previous position, I was able to help security researchers, authors, and instructors grow and develop. Now I can do the same thing with our students,” the 56-year-old said. “I love to watch their faces as they master concepts and skills that will allow them to make a difference in the field.”

At Mary Washington, Northcutt became fascinated with geodetics, a branch of applied mathematics concerned with determining exact positions of points on Earth; it's used in navigational systems. Back in the day, geodetics was increasingly dependent on computers.

Ernest Ackermann, UMW professor emeritus of computer science, taught Northcutt, and they have stayed in touch since. “Stephen's real strong point was being able to analyze the situation and know what to do,” Ackermann said.

In the summer of 1977, Northcutt was aboard the USS *John F. Kennedy* when he started to think about college. A ship's officer knew a dean at Mary Washington – why not apply there, he asked the sailor. Born in Hawaii and raised in Alabama, Northcutt hadn't even heard of the college. But when the aircraft carrier dropped anchor at a port in Italy, he placed an overseas call to the admissions office. “Because I was male and Mary Washington was in transition to being coed, they accepted me,” he said.

After college, Northcutt was the original author of the Shadow Intrusion Detection system before he accepted the position of chief for information warfare at the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, now the Missile Defense Agency, a branch of the Department of Defense. He has written numerous books on such topics as network security, handling security incidents, and the ethics of information technology.



Kathy Northcutt

A knack for sifting through facts to find solutions propelled Stephen Northcutt to the top of the cyber-security field. Formerly the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's chief information warfare officer, Northcutt founded the stringent Global Information Assurance Certification and helped launch the SANS Institute and the SANS Technology Institute for graduate students.

He also has worked as a whitewater raft guide, a chef, a martial arts instructor, a cartographer, and a network designer.

Northcutt and his wife, Kathy, have been living on the road for the past five years, going around the country for Northcutt's work teaching information security. After serving in the Marine Corps in Iraq, their son, Hunter, is a senior at the University of Richmond.

The couple hopes to wind down their traveling in the next year or so, Northcutt said, and will likely divide their time between Seattle and Kauai, the oldest of the Hawaiian Islands.

– Robert Burke

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Our son, Frank, entered Vassar this fall. Son Tom, a Yale graduate, teaches high school math in New Haven, Conn. Son Michael is a Tufts sophomore. I'm pursuing my third master's degree, this time in health policy. I traveled to Washington, D.C., and testified in May before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on healthcare payment reform innovation.

Sharon Robertson Williamson's daughter, Shelby, was to enter Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business. Hunter, a high school junior, sings bass in a barbershop quartet. **Laura Wong Dolloff** lives in Colorado Springs. **Susan Leavitt's** niece and **Rob Wood's** daughter are College of William and Mary graduates. Susan trained for an August bike trip through Vermont and Montreal. **Kathy Walters Along's** husband, Jim, retired from the FBI and is Chartis Global Investigations' principal investigator. Daughter Gina took a youth group mission trip to Alaska and was to enter Florida Gulf Coast University. Son Joe, a high school sophomore, was in Duke's summer TIP program. Kathy teaches Jazzercise, does yoga, and volunteers in the Junior League of South Brevard, Fla.

Dave Hardin of Midlothian, Va., has done fieldwork for the sesquicentennial of the Civil War Peninsula Campaign. He was elected delegate to the Democratic National Convention. **Mary Ann Mayer** celebrated 13 years in business at the Mount Washington B&B. **Teresa Childers Peterson** vacationed in Vancouver, Canada, and completed an Iron Man competition. Step-mom Marilyn passed away last October. Her dad, 82, married on St. Patrick's Day in Florida.

Amanda Patterson Ormond and family traveled to Europe this summer, visiting Prague, Florence, and Rome. Her consulting firm, the Ormond Group, which focuses on solar and wind development in the West, celebrated 10 years.

Farah Maynor Marks works in institutional advancement at Randolph College in Lynchburg, Va. Daughter Marilyn earned a degree in violin performance from Eastman School of Music and is pursuing a master's degree at Cleveland Institute of Music. Son Samuel was to enter Hampden-Sydney College.

Make plans to attend our 30th reunion in May!

1984

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Last spring, in Fredericksburg, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Maguire Whiteside** of Glenside, Pa., visited college friends then visited Landonia Fletcher, 75, at her home in Spotsylvania, Va. Fletcher was a Jefferson Hall housekeeper when Betsy lived there and befriended many of the girls. Betsy's mother is **Jeanette Buechting Maguire '56**.

1985

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From Deona: Thanks for sending updates these past years. I've enjoyed being Class Agent and am pleased to pass the baton to **Monique Gormont Mobley**.

Rebecca Rogers Nelson of Crozet, Va., for years an actress in NYC, moved to California, became a writer and director, and has four full-length screenplays to her credit. She and actor-writer husband Durrell adopted three of their four children through the foster care system and were named "Couple of the Year" by Los Angeles' Operation Child. Their

screenplay, *The Home Game*, promoting adoption of older children, was set to film this year in Virginia.

Deb Pierpoint Randolph

lives with her husband and sons in Raleigh, N.C. The twins are at UNC-Wilmington. The youngest started high school. Brother **James Pierpoint '82**, his wife, and two sons participate in sports and scouting in Charlotte, N.C. Brother **Tim Pierpoint '82**, his wife, and three daughters live in Northern Virginia. The oldest, Anna, is a UMW sophomore.

1986

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From Kim: Ken and I run a computer repair business and this summer visited Dallas; Tulsa, Okla.; and Fort Collins, Colo., for radio control flying

Rebecca Rogers Nelson '85 and her actor-writer husband were honored by Operation Child. Their screenplay promoting adoption of older children was set to film in Virginia this year.

events, where Ken takes pictures and video. We saw the Cardinals and their minor league team play in Oklahoma City and St. Louis. **Michele A. Mulligan** and Scott J. Golightly formed a Richmond firm and practice in such areas as civil litigation and corporate law. Michele received a law degree in 1990 and an MBA in 1999 from the University of Richmond. **Jill Marcoux** and **Kem Foley** enjoyed our 25th reunion. Kem was invited to present at an International Association of Administrative Professionals conference and planned a summer family vacation.

Keep the updates coming! I'm on Facebook under "Kim Jones Isaac."

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Thank you to classmates on Facebook for forwarding these updates. **Don Apparius'** wife, Vivian, became a family nurse practitioner and is in pediatric neurology at Carilion in Roanoke, Va. Don is associate vice president and dean of students at Radford University. Na-Lee is 5. **Lianne Wilkens Best**, an Employment Enterprises recruiter, and her husband of 23 years, William, of Manassas, Va., have daughter Amanda, a Johns Hopkins University junior, and son Nick, a high school senior. **Sherri Cooper Miller**, a Gloucester, Va., instructional technology resource teacher and WHRO online course facilitator, has a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren. She received a master's degree in educational technology from Virginia Tech in May.

1989

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I'm the mother of a Yorkie puppy and a 2012 Manassas, Va., high school graduate. I ran into **Karen "Tollie" Greer** at my

marina. **Sherri Bradley Paxton** moved from San Diego to the San Francisco Bay area. An avid exerciser, she works at Gilead Sciences. Her husband is vice president at a wireless company. Her son is a high school freshman.

Send updates! I'm on Facebook under "Leah Wilson Munnis."

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Greetings, Class of '91! I hope to receive more updates next time.

Everyone had fun at the June Rabble Rousers show at Fredericksburg's Otter House, formerly the Irish Brigade. It was the Class of 1992's reunion, but 1991 was also well represented.

Billy Germelman's daughter, Alexandra, is a Mary Washington freshman. Billy works in IT for Cetan Corp., earned his project management professional credentials, and caught up with Mary Washington friends at last summer's Rabble Rousers show.

I enjoy keeping up with you in person and via Facebook. I only submit what's sent expressly for *Class Notes*, however, so I don't risk including information someone does not want printed in the magazine. Keep the updates coming!

1992

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Some are still thrown off by the lag time between *Class Notes* deadline and publication dates, so check this issue for due dates. Thanks to everyone who sent updates! This magazine is a wonderful way to stay in touch.

In April, my husband, Tom, and I visited my aunt and uncle in Sarasota, Fla. In June, we visited my family in Lexington, Va., and attended Reunion Weekend. We had a great time at the Class Party, Reunion Picnic, wine tasting, and All-Class Party. I enjoyed hanging out with **Bob Franklin**, **Kevin Osborn**, **Karolyn Hall**, **Marc Tate**, **Nellie King**, **Emma Collins Knight**, **Jarrold Epps**, **Kathryn Nash**, and others. Seeing the Rabble Rousers at the Otter House was a blast from the past. It was wonderful to catch up with **Todd Stayin '91**, **Jeff Miers '91**, **Barb Elwell Carmichael**, **Todd Tarring** and **Nicole Shaffer Tarring**, **Tevin Chaney**, and others. Tom had a July work conference, and I spent the week with him on St. Simon's Island, Ga. We are Atlanta Outdoor Club trip leaders and hike and camp throughout the Southeast.

We went whitewater rafting on Tennessee's Ocoee River and spent weekends floating down the Chattahoochee River with friends. As social chair of my homeowners association's board of directors, I planned pool parties and welcomed new families.

During Reunion Weekend, **Kathleen Riopelle Roberts** ran into **Liam Cleaver** and **Ann Clayton Everett**, had dinner with **Sean Mahoney '94** at Sammy T's, and attended the Rabble Rousers show. Kathleen's family took a June cross-country road trip and stayed with **Chip Walker** and family in St. Louis. **Tevin Chaney**, who sang at Busch Gardens during and after college, attended a summer Busch Gardens reunion, is in a relationship with **Mary Ann McDonald '91**, and is finishing his graduate degree in geospatial information sciences.

Christine Harrison Grant

is director of major gifts for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina. **Laura Norfolk** of Old Town Alexandria owns Fusion Meetings & Events and was considering relocating to the Deep South. A couple years ago she had a crab feast with classmates from Custis Hall. At the reunion, **Kathryn Nash** of Rockville, Md., spent time with roommates **Michelle Brown Floyd** and **Elizabeth Green Lambert**. Kathryn, chief professional development and attorney recruiting officer at the Washington, D.C., law firm Wiley Rein LLP, has sons, ages 8 and 10. **Missy Houck**, a GEICO senior training specialist and independent consultant for Thirty-One Gifts, her husband of 16 years, Roger, and sons Cameron, 12, and Garrett, 8, of Virginia Beach spend weekends at Sandbridge. Missy spent a weekend there with **Kristen Regula Heidkamp** and family.

Karolyn Hall custom designs group motor coach tours and cruises for Signa Tours in Richmond, plays tennis, scuba dives, and sees **Gabby Sulzbach Pickover**. **Jarrold Anthony Epps** flew from Prague to attend Reunion Weekend, where

President Richard V. Hurley and wife Rose treated him to a Brompton tour. He spent time with **Brendan Casey**. Jarrod anticipated his online betting startup going live in summer and in the fall the birth of twin boys. **Kate Stanford McCown** and husband John of Arkansas have Mary Ella, 9, Jack, 7, and Ashlyn, 1. The McCowns visited Northern Virginia in July and planned to visit Charleston, S.C., in November for John's 20th reunion at the Citadel.

Edna Coste Borchetta and financial advisor husband Gene of Fairfield County, Conn., took a three-week vacation with children Christian, 9, and Carriella, 6, and their golden retriever to Nauset Harbor in Cape Cod, Mass. After a few career changes, Edna, an at-home mom, spent 10 years in corporate marketing and communications. She's in touch with the "MWC girls" responsible for the '90-'92 quote board on Mason's fourth

Christine Harrison Grant '92 is director of major gifts for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina.

floor, including **Jennifer Peterson Riggle**, **Suzy Cole Ferger**, **Amy Morgen Liebert** and her husband **Karl Liebert '93**, **Amy Larsen DeCarlo**, and **Nicole Rich Leona**, who transferred from Mary Washington in '91. The friends try to get together annually, and Edna was looking forward to traveling south for a November girl's night!

Rene Rios and **Sonya Snider Rios '91** of Ashburn, Va., have a son, 15, and a daughter, 12. **Nick Miller '94** met up with **Len Ornstein '94** at a Scottsdale, Ariz., work meeting. **Ashley C. Foster** competed in six races at this year's Unicycling World Championships in Bressanone, Italy, placing in the top 10 in each and winning, for mountain unicycling, gold medals in the cross-country and uphill races and a bronze in obstacles.

1993

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From Bethany: I traveled to Massachusetts, Vermont, and Georgia for work this past year and gave a plenary presentation at the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges' June meeting, attended by several UMW professors and administrators.

Cliff Jordan, a business team lead at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Springfield, Va., is pursuing a second master's degree in systems engineering from GWU. He motorcycles and flies his Cessna 152 GT. **Kathy Mulvaney**, husband Andrew Feller, and daughter Tabitha Elizabeth, 18 months, live on Capitol Hill. I saw **Elizabeth Bauer Henrickson** at Kathy's baby shower. **Harriet Greenlee** of St. Paul, Minn., trains for mountain ultra marathons and ferries Ravi, 10, and Stirling, 8, to activities.

Susan Sherburne

Bockman lives in Burke, Va., with husband Kory, director of statistics for a Washington, D.C., trade association, and daughters Sophie and Izzy. Susan spends time in her art studio, with the PTA, and rehabilitating their rescue beagle. They were to visit **Andrea Gallimore Ferrenz** and her family in July in Bethany Beach, Del., before they move to Houston.

From Cheryl: The *Richmond Times-Dispatch* interviewed **Len Ornstein '94** after he was selected by the Gilder Lehrman Institute to study the history of the South at the University of Richmond. He sat on the bench in front of Madison Hall, went to Carl's and Sammy T's, saw the renovated Monroe Hall, and visited **Jeffrey McClurken '94**, chair of UMW's history and American studies department, Associate Professor of History and American Studies Porter Blakemore, Richmond lawyer **Tommy Miller '95**, educator **Gillian Cohee Anderson '96**, and **Michelle Byram '94** and husband Ronnie James. Len does CrossFit and has lost 40 pounds.

Jen Studd Schimmenti, a strategic analysis meeting planner, **Cheryl Roberts Heuser**, and their spouses caught up over margaritas. Cheryl met **Bethany Zecher Sutton** and **Ben Sutton '95** for brunch and visited **Jean Sudlow Simpson**, **Aimee Cooper Starr** and husband David, and all their children. Cheryl and husband John of Columbus, Ohio, traveled to Prague and Vienna. **Anne Dressler Fox** put her landscaping business on hold and is back at work as a Capital One financial analyst. Husband Rob started Richmond's Fox Insurance and Financial Services. **Cindy Rush Reasoner** is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at Liberty University. Sons Dylan and Sawyer play baseball.

1994

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I'm in my final year of law school at the University of Arizona in Tucson. I spent a year at the Tucson Public Defender's Office, was legislative legal intern last spring for the Arizona House of Representatives Democratic Caucus in Phoenix, and was the only student presenter at the June Arizona Public Defender Association annual conference. I just need to pass the bar and get a paycheck again!

Ted Godfrey has traveled to 42 countries since leaving Mary Washington. He joined the Peace Corps, spending time in Panama and meeting future wife Lisa. They returned to Vermont, where Ted got his master's degree in education, taught eight years, and, with Lisa, restored a 200-year-old farmhouse. They moved to Hanoi, Vietnam, to teach and travel through Europe and Iceland. They purchased a fixer-upper in Napa, Calif., and Ted was taking a break, working in a winery while Lisa works for the California Land Stewardship Institute, helping reduce vineyard sediment runoff.

Amy Grillo Kales, husband Jonathan, and their three children live in Northern Virginia. **Len Ornstein** had an article published

in the July/August issue of *WOD Talk* fitness magazine. **Anna Marie Martin '95** married Chris Montgomery in Spokane, Wash., this summer. Son Gavin is 1.

Matt Strickler, a Northern Virginia CACI senior contracts manager, and wife **Allyson Dieck Strickler '93**, who works for a tile and marble importer, have sons Riley, 8, and Logan, 5. They planned a fall trip through Italy

Ted Godfrey '94 has traveled to 42 countries since leaving Mary Washington, including Panama, where he met his wife.

and Germany for Oktoberfest and their annual Outer Banks trip with **Jeff Hitchens** and **Kim Fisher Hitchens '95**, **Chris Orange '93**, **Rachel Abrajano Beattie '93**, and **Brian Campbell '90**.

Hope to see you at our 20th in two years!

1995

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From Jill: **Maureen Duane** and husband Chris Sheridan moved to Wenatchee, Wash., last year. Maureen works from home part time as a lab manager for Oregon State University's College of Forestry. **Rachel Maher Schnibbe** of Long Island is married and has two children. **Allison Pasciuto** of NYC planned a spring soccer pilgrimage to England with Maureen. They ran into **Jenn Peterson Sheetz** and husband Tim in Washington, D.C., last summer. **Julie Reilly** of Concord, N.H., has twin girls and a graphic design business.

Jim Anderson, a practicing anesthesiologist in southeast Pennsylvania and Wilmington, Del., and wife Carinne, who

finished med school and started her residency, have two dogs. **Kristin Antisavage Dunn** of Philadelphia adopted her son from Russia in 2009 and works for the American College of Physicians. She'd lived in south Florida and traveled the world as an international medical society director. Kristin visited **Katie Stanton Sihler** in the Washington, D.C., area.

Lisa Ackerman McCrohan of Frederick, Md., is a Georgetown University wellness counselor; has a private clinical practice; teaches yoga, mindfulness,

and stress reduction; and has two children with husband Brian. **Crayton Simmons** and **Theresa Racey Simmons** moved last year to South Korea, where Crayton serves in the U.S. Army and Theresa volunteers with the military community. After a three-year posting in England, **Tori Hillyer Brantley**, husband **Bill Brantley '95**, and daughter Rachel, 6, were starting a two-year posting in Japan.

Dora Chavez-Acuna Linville became an American citizen in November 2010 and got remarried last year. A project manager with Capstone Digital, she's working on a literacy project in Hillsborough, Fla. **Terry Frank**, a University of Richmond School of Law graduate, is a partner in Kaufman & Canoles' Richmond office.

Michelle Trombetta '97 survived 12 miles and 26 obstacles in her first Tough Mudder.

From Jen: With social media, we're seeing fewer *Class Notes* submissions, but we'd love to hear from you for these updates.

On **Eileen Heffern Hairel's** son James' first birthday last year, her Houston home was hit by lightning and caught fire, but everyone got out safely! The family broke ground on their new home in April and anticipated moving in this fall. Eileen thanks Mary Washington friends who reached out to her.

1997

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I still work at United Healthcare. My husband, Wade Van House, and I celebrated his April birthday in Italy, visiting Venice, Florence, and Rome. I had coffee with **Chappell Tyler Tommasi**, who was visiting the Twin Cities with her husband and three children. In May, I participated in my first Tough Mudder, surviving 12 miles and 26 obstacles. During our 15th reunion, I heard Dean of Student Life **Cedric Rucker '81** laugh, attended lectures with Professor of History Emeritus William B. Crawley and **Matt Paxton**, a regular on the TV show *Hoarders*, talked to suitemates **Crissandra Finno Domroes** and **Beth Shultz Filmanski**, attended a Virginia wine tasting in the Great Hall, had Carl's ice cream, strolled through downtown, and stayed with **Colleen Minion** and **Julie Newell Leslie** at the Kenmore Inn. We caught up with **Dan Tobin**, **Sarah Meyrowitz Meytin**, **Stephanie O'Connor Shockley**, **Dave Wrubel**, **Kate Lulfs Ehrle**, **Richard Ehrle '85**, and **Kate Andrews '96**. I spent a few days in Washington, D.C., with friends and family, including **Bethany Zecher Sutton '93**. When **Jeremiah Dooley** was in Minneapolis for business, we saw a Twins game at Target Field.

Carter Berkeley-Taylor and husband Rob welcomed son Brayden Michael in May. **Amanda Neptune Bridges**, husband Brad, and children, Kate, 7, Nick, 5, and Will, 2, moved with the Air Force to Jamestown, R.I. They spent an evening with

Brahim Asfahani, wife **Tory Rendon Asfahani '96**, and their three children, and with **Aryn Diggie Blanton '98** and son Henry at the Centreville, Va., home of **Colette Strawn Johnson**, husband **Mike Johnson '96**, and their three boys. **Kathleen Gillikin MacCubbin** sold her house and moved to another area in Baltimore.

Dominican Father **Patrick "Daniel" Tobin** attended the reunion and ate lots of Carl's frozen custard. He left his first ministry assignment at the University of Missouri's St.



Thomas More Newman Center and moved to Minneapolis to begin a new assignment at the University of St. Thomas, where he also teaches chemistry. He kicked off his time in the Twin Cities with a food and wine tasting at the University of Minnesota's TCF Stadium.

Drop me a line and let me know what you've been up to since our school days.

1998

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Greetings from Madison, Conn.

Caitlin Jenkins, husband Jason, and son Paul of Los Angeles welcomed new baby Edith Louise. **Nicole Dumas Powell** gave birth to Berklee Reese, who joins big brother Jaxon, earlier this year. **Lauren Dwyer Lowther**, husband Brandon, and son Tommy welcomed Richard Robert ("Ricky Bobby") in April. **Jen Carter Tsimpris**, a continuing care retirement community social services manager, husband Basil, and son John Landon live in Henrico, Va.

Sean Tuffy and wife Lorraine celebrated **Ed Kriete's** marriage to Zoey in San Francisco. Sean planned to visit Napa Valley to sightsee and interview at Opus One, hoping to introduce the wine to the Dublin market. **Adrien Snedecker Dickerson's** son, Simon, 2, and **Victoria Blevins Chisholm's** son, Alistair, were voted "most likely to be freshman roommates at Mary Washington." **Adrien, Victoria, Ashley Braidwood** and husband **Robb Braidwood '99, Darien Berkowitz Jacobson, and Katie Shea Britton** attended **Tad Czyzewski '97's** wedding, with all the kids in tow!

We should've included these updates previously: **Jeremy Blain**, wife Jennifer, and children Ellen, Jason, and Collin of San Antonio welcomed fourth child Ryan Michael last year. The children of the Blains and those of **Jen Belote** attend the same preschool. **Ryan Forbrich's** twin boys, Carter and Cole, are 5. He met up with **Jason Fusaro, Craig**

Gillian, Ben Phelps, and Kevin Byrne at UMW soccer coach Roy Gordon's Hall-of-Fame induction.

Soon we'll celebrate our 15th reunion at Mary Washington. The days of planning our weekends on Wednesdays are behind us, so mark your calendars for May 31 through June 2! We email update requests prior to their due date in the alumni office. If you're not getting these emails, please let us know! In updates, please include your name (including maiden name) and, if you married another Mary Washington alum, give us their graduation year, too. Thanks!

1999

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In January, my husband, **Chris Sicuranza '98**, and I welcomed second daughter Lucia Isabel, born on the same day of the year as daughter Gabriela. We plan an overseas adventure next year.

Joy Barnes, husband Roger Thomas, and children Emily, 7, Samuel, 3, and Maya, 1, moved to Oahu, Hawaii. Last fall Joy attended the New Jersey wedding of **Erin Domangue** and **Michael Piemontesi**, along with **Rachael Dorsey-McGowen, Beth Geiger Wolly, Jessica Bonanno, Michelle Kelly Schuchardt, Maylian Pak**, and Greg and **Jennifer Murray Greven**.

In her quest to run a marathon in all 50 states, **Mel Sirois** planned to run her 18th. She visited Spain last year and the Amazon in Brazil in September. **Christen Masaniello Bensten**

Christen Masaniello Bensten '00 started the Blue Egg Brown Nest antique refinishing and interior design business.

started the Blue Egg Brown Nest antique refinishing and interior design business, and she has three children. She is in touch with **Erandi Salgado of**

California, who has two sons, and **Lisbeth White Busch** of New York, who has a baby girl. **Olivia Synnott Landry** and husband Austin, owners of the Stephenson, Va., barbecue catering business, Jordan Springs Market, expected their second child this fall.

Mariah Butler Vogelgesang, mother of children Grant and Harris, welcomed daughter Louisa in June. **Jaime Dowdy Brooks** is a VCU Medical Center physical therapist. She and her husband, Craig, are the parents of Owen, 6, and Gavin, 4. **Rachel Silbaugh Norman** and husband Sean of New Jersey have two children, Lily, 4, and Evan, 2.

2001

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Kate Weller of upstate New York, Slate Valley Museum executive director, planned to speak at Bangor University in Wales and is creating a community-focused cultural campus in the park surrounding the museum. She is the mother of Alex, 5, and Ella, 3.

Caroline Jarvis '01 of London was preparing for the Three Peaks Challenge for charity.

Kate McGinn Pipke and husband **Nathan Pipke '99** welcomed son Garrett last year. **Kim Kelley Winslow**, a KPMG senior manager, and **Chris Winslow**, a Richmond attorney, anticipated the September arrival of their daughter. **Caroline Jarvis** of London is a business development head for Investec Wealth and Investment and was preparing for the Three Peaks Challenge for charity.

Jordy Keith of Austin is in government relations for the Texas National Guard, plays roller derby, and planned a summer trip to Paris. **Teresa Joerger Mannix** and her husband, Mark, are enjoying their first child, Bryce. With a goal of running half marathons in all 50 states, **Madelyn Marino** has completed her eighth and

runs internationally. **Ashley Groesbeck** married Eric in May in Washington, D.C.

To separate emailed updates from spam, please put "MWC Updates" in the subject line. Or join Class of 2001 LinkedIn and Facebook groups to submit news.

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Jennifer Occhiuzzi completed a second master's degree in education, this one in instruction and curriculum. She and Elliott Reese bought a home in Ramsey, N.J., and plan an April wedding. **Mariah Beachboard**, co-owner of Spoken Word Events, earned an MBA in marketing from American Intercontinental University. She teaches theatre to teens, directed *Scapin* for Fredericksburg's Christian Youth Theatre, is on the Spotsylvania Education Foundation board of directors, and raises her family of three with husband Dave.

Andrew Kohr

is a registered landscape architect and associate at Robert and Company in Atlanta. Andrew is chair of the acquisitions

committee for the Cherokee Garden Library, HALS liaison for the state of Georgia, an Atlanta Urban Design Commission member, on the Historic Oakland Foundation's board of trustees, and a Georgia State University adjunct professor. He and wife Jenny live in Reynoldstown, Ga.

2003

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Allison Jennings Jordan teaches high school history and is pursuing a doctorate in leadership studies. She, husband Jeff, and 2-year-old Nicholas live in Rustburg, Va.

Activist Occupied With Social Justice



Amy Bookbinder

Activist and organizer Philip Arnone, a leading force behind the Occupy Wall Street movement against societal inequality in America, participates in this year's May Day demonstration in New York City. Arnone, a grad student at New York University who considers himself a "lifelong activist," became interested in anarchist theory during his undergraduate years at UMW.

In September 2011, **Philip Arnone '08** went to a protest in lower Manhattan's Zuccotti Park. An experienced activist, he had seen nascent protest movements before – and he had seen most of them fall apart. Unimpressed, he didn't think the one in the Financial District would last.

"We had a few arrests that day, not much," he said of what would become the Occupy Wall Street movement. "It was kind of anticlimactic."

A week later, protesters still held the park. That's when impatient police officers swooped in to make arrests, and things got rough. "I've seen police violence before, but it had never been on the level that it was that day," Arnone said.

He fled, then found himself organizing others who had escaped. He led a march to police headquarters to demand that those who were arrested be released; then he joined the other protesters as they returned to the Zuccotti Park.

"After I'd done that, I was hooked," he said. "And things just escalated from there."

As protests took hold, the Occupy Wall Street movement spread around the country. Arnone became a leader, searching for ways to put Occupy's goals into action. In doing so, he drew upon the activist experience he'd gained at UMW.

The 26-year-old grew up in Blacksburg and Fairfax, Va. After touring campuses around the state, he chose UMW because he liked the feel of it. "Mary Washington always stood out as a good liberal arts college," he said.

Once on campus, Arnone got interested in a college club devoted to discussing anarchist theory. "There were a bunch of really smart, dedicated people who were trying to figure out how to make these ideals translate into practical action," he said.

That club created the Living Wage Coalition, which pressed for higher wages for UMW's lowest-paid employees, among them custodians and groundskeepers. Eventually the employees got a pay increase, though not as much as the coalition had hoped. "We learned a lot about how to organize and about what works," Arnone said. "It definitely made me the organizer and activist I am."

Between earning a bachelor's degree in sociology and organizing Occupy Wall Street, Arnone worked as an activist in Philadelphia for UNITE HERE, a union organization. He worked on housing issues and on promoting community gardening projects. In fall 2010, he enrolled in the John W. Draper Interdisciplinary Master's Program in Humanities and Social Thought at New York University.

Graduate school doesn't keep Arnone from activism. He's deeply involved in efforts in New York City to organize immigrant workers and to use the Occupy movement to support the workers' demands for better pay and benefits. "I think this is unique – workers working hand in glove with Occupy Wall Street to challenge some one percenters," he said.

– Robert Burke



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David Rickey bought a four-family house in Cincinnati with an apartment for himself and three to lease. **Kristin Simmers** teaches at London's Southbank International School. **Melissa Nilsson** earned an MFA in graphic design from San Francisco's Academy of Art University. She lives in Stockholm, Sweden, with her husband.

Meghan Mascelli began a doctoral program in educational administration and policy at George Washington University. **Erin Hill** of the United Kingdom married in May and was finishing an associate's degree in baking and pastry arts at Stratford University. **Caroline Ellis Pinegar** and husband Jason welcomed Henry Blair Pinegar last December. **Matt Lowe** earned an MBA from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business and planned to work as an associate with Barclays in NYC.

Kelli White of Beavertown, Va., an immigration paralegal with Richmond's Challa Law Offices, has sons Hudson and Warren with husband Mark Curtis. **Bridget Murphy** and her husband bought a home in January. **Heidi Schenkel Hajart** and husband Bradley of Garden City, N.Y., welcomed daughter Hazel Beth in May. **Mark Malone** and **Emily Talbot Malone '08** of Kent Island, Md., welcomed their first child, Lauten Thomas, last October. In spring 2011, **Kate Barbuto Charette** and husband Joseph won a St. Lucia vacation on *Let's Make a Deal*.

Carolyn Huckabay is a public relations associate with the boutique PR firm Canary Promotion and plans to marry Brian Howard in April at Philadelphia's Crane Arts Building. **Jason Lancaster**, a training officer aboard the USS Tortuga based in Sasebo, Japan, was promoted to lieutenant. **Annie Mazes** earned a master's degree in library science and works for Harper-Collins Publishing in NYC.

Anna Mills Matthews, husband Barrie, and their son, Jackson, of Miles City, Mont., expected a baby girl in October. Anna, a school librarian, earned a master's degree in education and an endorsement in school library media. She helps Barrie manage his dental practice. **Lauren Goor Geres**, a Fairfax, Va., preschool autism teacher, married Marine Corps officer **Peter Geres**. **Cristy Tilghman Morrow** and husband Jamie expected their first child in December. **Sameer Vaswani**

Nick Martino '06 received *The Washington Post's* Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher and the Stafford County Teacher of the Year awards.

completed an MBA at the University of Maryland's Robert Smith School of Business.

Kristen "Kiki" Skove King, a senior writer at Advocates for Human Potential, and her husband, Jesse, welcomed twin sons Miles Alan and Emmett James last December. **Will Trahan** graduated from Tufts' School of Dental Medicine. He was inducted into the national dental honor society Omicron Kappa Upsilon and received the American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Achievement Award; Jack Frommer Award for excellence in the morphological sciences; and Robert E. O'Neil, D51, Prize in Oral Surgery. He planned to be in a periodontology residency and VCU master's degree program for the next three years.

Cassandra Martin Gwizdala of Richmond has children Noah, 2, and Grace, 5 months. **Kendall Jennings**, a business development executive at IBM in Northern Virginia, received a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in corporate finance/investment banking from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business in May. She then traveled the world, visited 16 countries, and attended the Olympics.

2005

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Carolyn Schranck Theim earned an MBA from the University of Delaware and is in marketing for the YMCA of Delaware in Wilmington. **Steve Parker** lived for seven years in China, where he was the in-country field director for the nonprofit, WorldTeach, and project and business development manager for the strategy consulting firm, SmithStreet. Steve married BeiBei Dai in May and moved back to the U.S.

Sally Poole Canoles and husband Ed welcomed their first children,

twins Elizabeth Eleanor and William Andrew, in March. **Jon Martin** and wife **Marisa Day** of Richmond purchased their first home. **Connor Hannigan** studies public interest law and policy in the UCLA School of Law's Epstein Program. **Cara Stout**, assistant director of admissions for St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Austin, Texas, received a master's of education in Spanish from the College of Charleston.

This summer **Emily Brandon Scillieri**, **Katie Smith** of Arlington, Va., and **Jessica Mitchell** of New York City

Trish Lauck '08 is pursuing a doctorate in chemistry at U.Va. with a focus on astrochemistry.

celebrated **Jennifer Pudelko's** engagement to Michael Kee. Jen is a creative manager at Baltimore's Agora Publishing. Emily, head teacher of the Annapolis, Md., Chesapeake Montessori School primary class, bought a home with husband John. Katie teaches AP U.S. history at Centreville High School in Clifton, Va. Jessica is a L'Oreal Paris sales planning manager. The four continued their traditional Labor Day weekend visit with **Janet Cooper**, a first-grade teacher in Raleigh, N.C.

Kimberly Stegmaier married Andrew Donehoo in May in

Leesburg, Va. **Emily Frabell**, **Pamela Peach**, **Jennifer Kern**, and **Andrew Lawson** attended.

2006

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Kristin Vinagro married **Andrew Coulter '07** at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center in September. **Adele Chapin**, **Kate Paris**, **Tori Scott**, **Katy Nicholson**, **Dave Riley '07**, and **Brian Rowe** were in the wedding. **Rebecca Kruse** married **Daniel Wueste '07** in May, also at Jepson. **Alissa Bourbonnais '07** was bridesmaid, **Zach Zuro '07** was best man, and **Adam Turner '07** and **Brian Dempsey '07** were groomsmen. **Nora Davis '07**, **Evan Henry '08**, **Megan Jones**, **Katherine Lowry '07**, **Chelsea Mahoney '07**, and **Anna Markham Sanders '02** attended.

Pari Farmani, network coordinator for the Institute for Inclusive Security's Women Waging Peace, received a master's degree in international peace and conflict resolution from American University. **Lesley Goodman Holody** works in human resources. She and her husband, Kyle, assistant professor of communication, moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and work at Coastal Carolina University. **Nick Martino** of Fredericksburg received *The Washington Post's* Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher and the Stafford County Teacher of the Year awards. Nick

was to teach world history and anthropology in Buenos Aires, London, and Africa.

Morgan Applegate '05 and **Kelly Wolff** married in October in Rehoboth Beach, Del., and honeymooned in Key West. **Rachelle Slotnick** operates a catering business and was preparing to open the Little City Gourmet café and store in Arlington. **Linda Fairall** and real estate developer **Neil Stedman** of Alexandria, Va., opened a luxury bridal consignment shop and were to marry in September in Corolla, N.C., with groomsmen **Brandon Whelpley** and **Thomas del Ninno**. **Andrew Goodwin '07**

married **Tessie Duncan '08** in July. **Christine Kukis** is a licensed clinical counselor in Maryland and director of autism services and programs for a Baltimore City nonprofit. She married Dan Branch in September in Summit, N.J.

2007

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2008

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Daniel Punaro is pursuing an MBA at San Diego State University. **Matt Straub** received a master's degree in school counseling from Southern Connecticut State University, and he coached and completed an internship at a Guilford, Conn., middle school. He also ran his first ultramarathon. **Stephanie McGinness** is a veterinarian at Animal Emergency and Critical Care of Lynchburg. **Trevor Daubenspeck** is an MBA candidate at the College of William and Mary's Mason School of Business. He was elected graduate council president, had a summer internship with WAABA in Washington, D.C., and had a fall externship with Deloitte Consulting. **Trish Lauck** is pursuing a doctorate in chemistry with a focus on astrochemistry at U.Va. **Eline Mul** is in Yale University's physician's assistant program. **Jamie Jefferson** was married in August. **Elizabeth "Betsy" Flaig Bubelnik** married Matthew in September and was job searching.

Kathleen Pacious is pursuing a master's degree in comparative literature at Trinity College Dublin and a Ph.D. in English at National University of Ireland, Galway. **Daniel Kneip** teaches middle school science in Fredericksburg. **Margaret Murray Bloom** of Earlysville, Va., married Noah Bloom of Garland, Texas, in April. Margaret works for her family's

farm outside Charlottesville and owns a special events company focused on weddings.

Ryan Lacey graduated from the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy and was awarded certification by Virginia's Department of Criminal Justice Services. He interned with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security at the U.S. Department of State and works in justice administration in the Washington, D.C., area. **Lauren Tusso** teaches social studies in Bogota, Colombia. **Kalyn Perkins McCreary** and husband Patrick welcomed son Gunnar last September. **Andrea Meyer** earned master's degrees from Long Island University and New York University. She was nominated to the Sag Harbor Historical Society board of trustees.

Sarah Herzog married Andrew Elliott in June in Mission Hills, Kan. **Alissa Genovese '07**, **Andrea Meyer**, and **Ashley Hamilton** attended. **Amy Riggs Davis** and husband Joe of Camp Lejeune, N.C., were expecting their first child. **Lindsay "Irby" Leonardo** of Arlington, Va., married Miguel last October and earned a master's degree in clinical psychology at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences. **Alyssa Lee**, senior program manager for Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital, a nonprofit, joined the DC Strokes Rowing Club and raced in her first regatta. **Colleen McMichael**, field representative for Brooks running shoes, married Navy Hospital Corpsman Spencer Corey Southerland in June 2011 in St. Augustine, Fla.

Lindsay Easley earned a master's degree in elementary education at UMW and planned to start teaching this fall. **Abigail Steele** is a pastry department supervisor at JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa. **Leslie McGlothlin** married Vanderbilt University grad student Greg Barker and moved to Nashville, Tenn.

2009

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Laura Guthrie of Alexandria, Va., married **Jason Istvan '08** in April and was to receive her master's degree in sports management from Drexel University in September.

2010

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It's all about weddings: In August 2011, **Lindsay Sekel** married **David Gurak '05** and honeymooned in the Greek Islands; in July, **Michelle Bond** married **Michael Kappert '11** and honeymooned in Hawaii and Alaska; and **Jessica Barefoot** married Thomas Frere and honeymooned in Mexico's Riviera Maya.

Alyssa Lee '08 joined the DC Strokes Rowing Club and raced in her first regatta.

2011

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Amy Van Ness earned a master's degree in education and was offered a position at a Culpeper, Va., school. **Andrew SB** is pursuing a biomathematics graduate degree from North Carolina State University. **Erika Spivey** helped start UMW's Fredericksburg alumni network. **Ginny Ferrell** planned to move to Los Angeles to work in entertainment. **Hannah "Gilmore" McLean** spent seven months at New Mexico's Bodhi Manda Zen Center and planned to move to Montana to work on her grad school thesis.

Mairin Martin earned a graduate degree in education from UMW and is engaged to Patrick Genova. **Megan Higgs** is restoration manager for the nonprofit American Forests. **Jess Sine** does research at the National Institutes of Health. **Kira Lanewala** works with adults with intellectual disabilities at the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board. **Laura Evans** is interested in global policy, teaches yoga, and aspires to become a music star. She lives in Austin, Texas. **Lee Gilliam** works for a Washington, D.C., nonprofit.

Ramsey Hanna is pursuing a doctorate in organic chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh. **Rachael Wonderlin** is pursuing a master's degree at UNC, Greensboro. She interned with the University of Pennsylvania hospital system and started a speed dating business. **Sarah Lowdon** finished her first year at New England Law, where she researched for faculty as a judicial intern at Massachusetts District Court. Sarah lives in Boston with **Tatiana Haywood**. **Samantha Daniel** accepted a position through AmeriCorps at Playworks in Washington, D.C. **Sylvia Walker** of Stafford, Va., is a Marine Corps foreign military sales analyst with Engility Corp. She hopes to pursue a graduate degree.

2012

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Congratulations to **Amber Elizabeth Donlan** on the birth of her daughter, Dorothy, in February.



IN MEMORIAM

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Betty Lou Shaver-Toense '45
Dorothy "Dot" Arrington Trivett '45
Virginia "Ginny" Lamberth Williams-Edwards '45
Janet Faith Keefer Wurmstich '45
Margaret "Peggy" Chandler Findley '46
Doris Fay Hinnant Hine '46
Donna L. Simmons '46
Barbara Davidson Bailey '47
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Elsie Mae Connalley '48
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Betty Joan "Jody" Gallagher Higgins '48
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Ann Kitchin Midgett '49
Virginia Chandler Pennock '49
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Sarah "Sally" Mount Blazevic '51
Lorraine Frantz Foulds '51
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Mildred Proffitt Hix '52
Kathryn Olson Marshall '52
Nancy Eleanor Speck Allison '53
Joan Barbara Schlesinger Miller '53
Edwina Wright Blankenbaker '54
Rophelia "Bootsie" Simpson Johnson '54
Judith "Judi" Emery Smith Hermanson '56
Joanne Insley Pearre '57
Patricia "Pat" Smith Woodward '57
Margaret Ann Wright Lewis '60
Gloria Lee Crandall '61
Janice Eugenia Parr Novak '61
Sandra Jefferson Barbour '62
Randi Coates Weston '63
Suzanne Lankford Duncan '64
Martha Ann Crown Abolins '65
Betty June Coffey Dameron '68
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Ret. Marine Col. Wesley Charles Noren '73
Mary Catherine Tulipane '74
Stephanie Lee Ruggiero Bishop Hillegass '91
Mark Chandler Bear '94
Michael Arthur Meier '94
Thomas Daniel Sawyer '05
Carlisle V. Brigham Champalimaud '06

CONDOLENCES

Mildred Chamberlain '46, who lost her sister
Lucille Clift Kimman '49, who lost her sister
Elizabeth "Betsy" Seekell Fletcher Adams '51, who lost her husband
Susan Hutcheson Jurgens '52, who lost her husband
Susan Bender Trotter '57, who lost her husband
Iris Hall Newton '60, who lost her son
Barbara "Babs" Buse Johnson '61, who lost her mother
Katherine "Kat" Caffee Gompf '69, who lost her son
Martha Yvonne Jones '73, who lost her father
Molly Elayne Jones '74, who lost her father
Madelin Ann Jones Barratt '76, who lost her father
Julia Collins Moss '84, who lost her mother
John Mark Scott '84, who lost his father

Memorial Gifts

In the last year, gifts have been made to the University of Mary Washington in memory of these beloved members of the community who have passed on.

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William B. Crawley, professor emeritus of history, is director of the Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series. He taught the first University of Mary Washington "Great Lives" history class in 2004.



Ten Great Years of Great Lives

By William B. Crawley

The Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series, which begins its 10th season in January, has evolved into the University's highest-profile community

outreach program, bringing hundreds of people to campus weekly during the spring semester for lectures by some of today's most prominent biographers.

Great Lives was modestly inaugurated in 2004 – created more out of necessity than by grand design. The impetus was the need for another course to serve an increasing number of history students without putting an additional burden on departmental faculty. The solution was to create a multidisciplinary, team-taught course that could draw upon the expertise of not only the history department but of other departments as well.

The resulting course, "Great Lives: Biographical Approaches to History," included lectures by faculty from 10 disciplines across the University. Students were immediately attracted to it, as enrollment approached 100.

Considering the success of the history department's free public lectures in the past and the widespread popularity of biography as a historical genre, it seemed a good idea to open the lectures to the community.

The initial public lecture drew a near-capacity crowd to the 200-seat Monroe lecture hall; the following week's presentation attracted an audience so large that many had to be turned away. Ever-increasing turnout necessitated moving the talks to successively larger venues, ending in Dodd Auditorium with its 1,200 seats.

What accounts for the success of Great Lives? Fundamentally there is the inherent appeal of biography. People tend to be interested in the lives of others, thereby making biography a useful and accessible approach to the study of history.

More specifically, there is the program's diversity, not only in race and gender, but also in chronology and fields of accomplishment. Its subjects include persons both admirable and, occasionally, abominable. (The operating principle is that "great" means not necessarily good but

influential in some way.) Thus the series has examined not only monumental figures, but also some of lesser fame, such as Mildred and Richard Loving, whose victory in the 1967 Supreme Court case *Loving v. Virginia* outlawed the state ban on interracial marriage. Indeed, some of the more popular topics have included nonhuman subjects, such as the great Virginia thoroughbred Secretariat and even a few fictional characters – Frankenstein, James Bond, and Harry Potter.

Among the criteria for choosing topics is their relevance to contemporary events, such as last year's lecture on the founder of the Girl Scouts, which coincided with that organization's 100th anniversary; ongoing lectures on figures relating to the Civil War sesquicentennial; and next year's lecture on Queen Elizabeth II to commemorate the 60th anniversary of her reign.

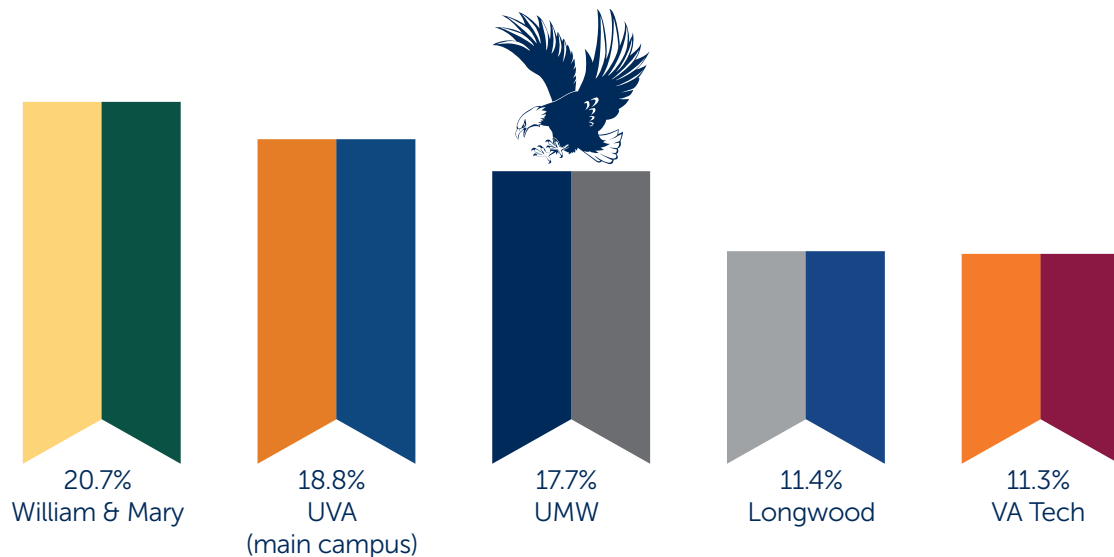
Also, an effort is made to feature authors who have recently published biographies of significant subjects and whose works have been critically acclaimed. Among the latter have been numerous nominees for prestigious literary awards, including two recipients of the Pulitzer Prize in biography: in 2010, T.J. Stiles for *Cornelius Vanderbilt*; and in 2011, Ron Chernow for *George Washington*.

In addition to introducing some of history's most fascinating figures, Great Lives has also demonstrated a potential for inspiring students. **Rosemary Velasquez '06**, a student in Great Lives' very first semester, wrote some years later about her experience. "This was by far the most influential class I ever took," she recalled. "At 21, walking alone on campus, I constantly asked myself after each lecture: How will I lead a great life? What can I do to leave my own mark?" Velasquez eventually decided that her future would be working with Girl Scouts in her native Texas, where she is now an executive.

Thus far, the series has investigated the lives of more than 150 figures – and there's no shortage of subjects. A recent audience solicitation of prospective topics produced nearly 400 nominees.

Given the public's obvious appetite for studying both the famous and the infamous in history, it appears that the future of Great Lives is, indeed, great. ■

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New old friends

Freshmen Claire Zhang, left, and Abigail Fleming had known each other for only four days when this photo was taken in mid-August – and the dorms hadn't even opened yet. Zhang and Fleming met at UMW Pre-Flight, a new pre-orientation program for new students. UMW staff and graduate assistants spent four days with 40 freshmen in the Blue Ridge Mountains, where the students were divided among eight cabins. They hiked, scaled a rock wall, went tubing on a ski slope, volunteered at a community center, cooked dinner together each night, and more. "It helps you come together," Fleming said of Pre-Flight. "You share a personal connection."